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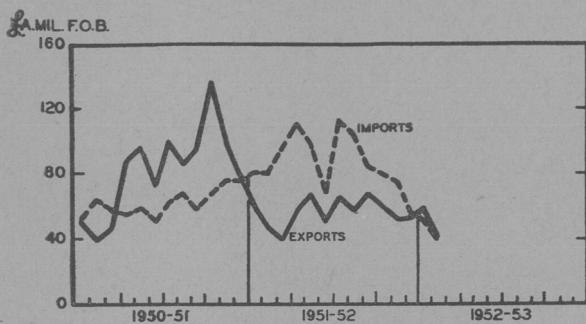
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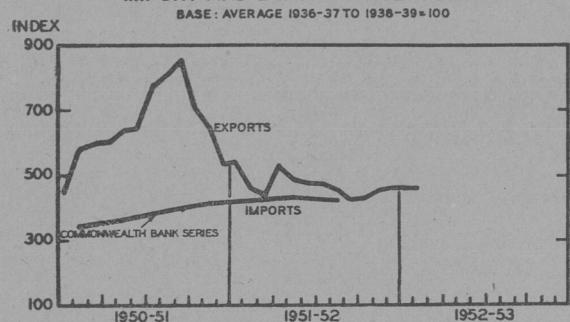
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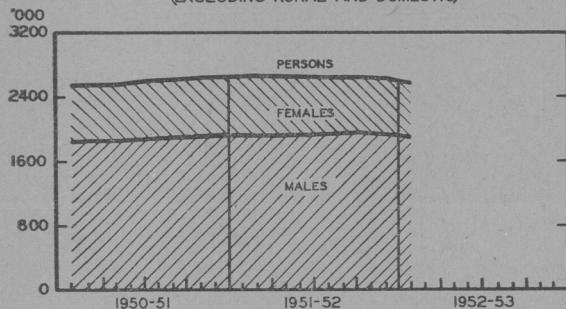
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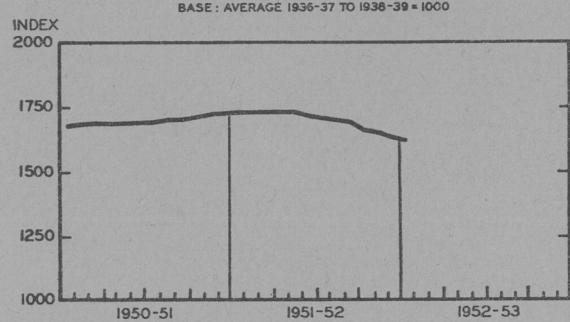
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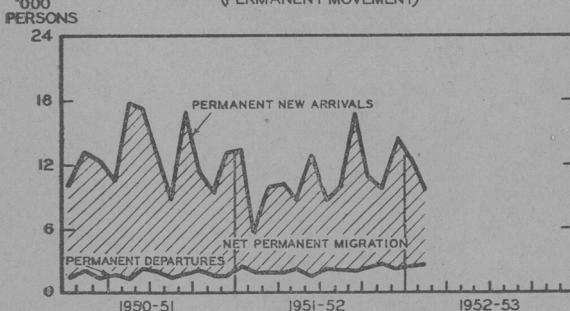
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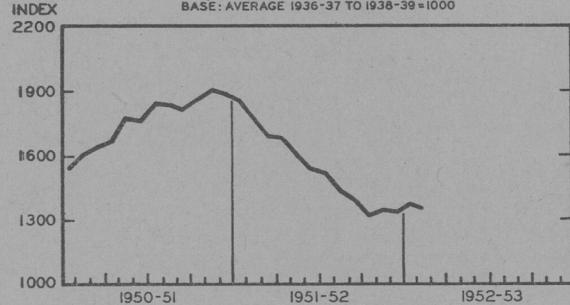
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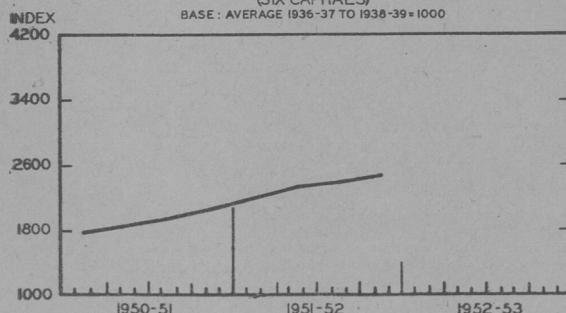
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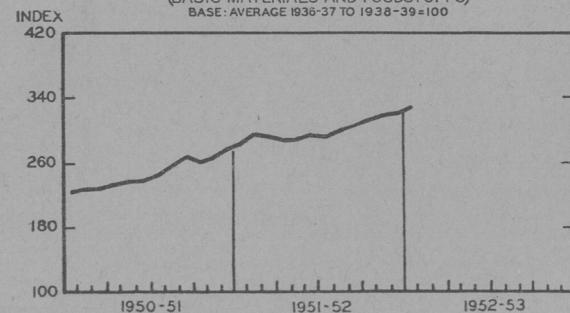
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INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

This and the following table summarize the trend of business activity shown by certain of the major indicators contained in various tables herein:—

Period.	Employment—Australia.			Average Weekly Wage Earnings—Australia : Index No. (Base : 1945-46 = 1,000). (b)	Overseas Trade (Merchandise only).		Building Permits (c) Six Capital Cities and Suburbs.	New Houses Completed. (d)	Production of Black Coal.	Total Electricity Generated.					
	Total—End of Month (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces). (a)														
	Males.	Females.	Total.		Imports.	Exports.									
Monthly Average	'000.	'000.	'000.		£m.	£m.	£'000.	No.	'000 tons.	Million kwh.					
1932-33 ..	(e)992	(e)341	(e)1,333	n.a.	5.5	8.2	565	n.a.	732	225					
1936-37 ..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.6	12.4	1,986	n.a.	977	331					
1937-38 ..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.6	11.8	2,307	n.a.	990	363					
1938-39 ..	(f)1,293	(f)437	(f)1,730	n.a.	9.4	10.2	2,353	n.a.	1,051	391					
1945-46 ..	1,379	602	1,981	1,000	14.8	16.4	2,190	3,844	1,052	576					
1946-47 ..	1,592	610	2,202	1,037	17.4	25.7	4,084	8,152	1,178	627					
1947-48 ..	1,693	635	2,328	1,164	28.2	33.8	4,687	10,876	1,231	697					
1948-49 ..	1,757	656	2,413	1,322	34.5	45.2	5,577	12,835	1,276	754					
1949-50 ..	1,810	675	2,485	1,451	44.7	51.1	7,129	13,871	1,243	792					
1950-51 ..	1,882	707	2,589	1,742	61.8	81.8	10,426	16,861	1,369	875					
1951-52 ..	1,915	709	2,624	2,145	87.5	55.8	19,645	19,354	1,598	942					
Monthly Total															
1950-51—															
October ..	1,844	700	(g)2,544	1,612	54.7	86.7	9,800	18,624	1,529	878					
November ..	1,864	708	(g)2,572	1,626	57.7	95.8	10,783		1,519	842					
December ..	1,884	712	2,596	1,711	49.6	72.2	7,369		1,175	806					
January ..	1,887	703	2,590	1,816	62.2	98.8	9,599		797	815					
February ..	1,895	713	2,608	1,817	67.4	85.1	10,095	15,123	1,153	799					
March ..	1,897	716	2,613	1,811	58.4	94.6	10,867		1,313	854					
April ..	1,905	718	2,623	1,859	68.1	136.0	13,079		1,443	872					
May ..	1,910	719	2,629	1,925	76.0	98.7	12,942	17,480	1,526	927					
June ..	1,911	719	2,630	1,961	75.8	79.7	11,833		1,484	923					
1951-52—															
July ..	1,913	720	2,633	1,968	80.7	58.3	11,792	18,343	1,652	997					
August ..	1,912	722	2,634	2,025	80.2	45.9	12,906		1,739	1,004					
September ..	1,907	721	2,628	2,066	94.9	39.1	10,187		1,571	912					
October ..	1,909	722	2,631	2,103	111.1	57.3	11,184	20,651	1,855	948					
November ..	1,919	724	2,643	2,117	97.6	66.9	9,384		1,759	936					
December ..	1,916	721	2,637	2,166	68.3	49.7	7,788		1,317	871					
January ..	1,917	711	2,628	2,134	113.8	64.4	7,612	18,312	1,061	884					
February ..	1,921	707	2,628	2,190	105.9	56.8	8,287		1,653	905					
March ..	1,924	704	2,628	2,225	85.4	66.9	8,849		1,743	952					
April ..	1,920	694	2,614	2,241	81.4	59.5	8,593	20,109	1,569	914					
May ..	1,914	688	2,602	2,237	75.3	51.9	9,306		1,726	992					
June ..	1,908	679	2,587	2,268	54.9	52.8	9,848		1,537	988					
1952-53—															
July ..	1,894	674	2,568		49.9	57.5	8,544		1,896	1,082					
August ..	1,882	668	2,550		39.6	41.9			1,571						
September ..					42.4	50.5									

(a) Total number of wage or salary earners in employment excluding employees in the defence forces at home or abroad and Government "relief" workers. Figures for June, 1933, July, 1939, and June, 1943, were obtained from the Census, National Register and Civilian Register respectively. (b) Average earnings per employed male unit. Male units represent total male employment

plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate rates of female to male earnings. Seasonally adjusted. (c) All building operations for which permits granted by Local Government Authorities. Excludes Government buildings (see footnote, page 27).

(d) Including owner-built houses. Quarterly averages for years, and quarterly totals. (e) June, 1933. (f) July, 1939.

(g) Affected by industrial disputes.

INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY—continued.

Period.	Production of Ingot Steel.	New Motor Vehicles Registered.(a)		Mainland State Railways Gross Revenue.	P.M.G.'s Department Receipts. (b)	Wholesale Trade—Australia : Net Sales Recorded Under Sales Tax Acts.	Private Trading Banks. (Weekly Averages).		Bank Debits to Customer's Accounts (Weekly Averages).
		Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles.				Deposits.	Advances.	
		'000 tons.	'000.	'000.	£'000.	£m.	£m.	£m.	£m.
Monthly Average—									
1932-33..	..	32.7	1.0	0.3	3,017	1,053	29.1	269.9	231.0
1936-37..	..	90.0	4.0	2.0	3,407	1,318	37.2	297.6	262.5
1937-38..	..	97.2	4.6	2.3	3,632	1,396	40.6	314.8	274.4
1938-39..	..	97.5	4.5	2.1	3,580	1,447	39.8	317.7	288.1
1945-46..	..	88.5	0.2	0.7	5,576	2,371	55.7	606.4	212.2
1946-47..	..	109.4	1.8	1.4	5,303	2,484	66.8	636.6	261.1
1947-48..	..	112.1	3.6	2.4	(c)6,376	2,616	79.5	673.5	329.9
1948-49..	..	98.2	5.5	3.1	7,174	2,776	93.4	776.4	368.6
1949-50..	..	101.5	9.6	4.8	7,702	3,196	110.2	910.1	403.9
1950-51..	..	120.3	10.6	6.5	8,834	3,732	140.5	1,144.2	479.3
1951-52..	..	127.4	10.4	6.1		4,948		1,201.7	621.4
Monthly Total—									
1950-51—									
September	..	138.9	11.8	7.2	8,816	3,276	132.3	1,002.3	449.2
October	..	136.0	11.9	7.5	7,732	3,604	146.0	1,057.1	465.0
November	..	134.2	11.8	8.0	6,838	3,563	137.7	1,096.5	476.5
December	..	120.8	9.9	6.0	8,480	3,996	133.9	1,133.5	490.5
January	..	94.9	7.7	5.0	9,323	3,574	119.9	1,159.1	482.0
February	..	99.6	10.1	5.9	8,702	3,710	143.4	1,198.2	495.3
March	..	109.6	10.0	6.4	9,144	3,695	151.1	1,285.1	507.2
April	132.1	9.7	5.9	9,400	4,099	154.7	1,297.0	502.3
May	118.6	10.6	6.5	10,234	4,361	159.2	1,291.8	496.9
June	117.9	8.5	5.6	10,761	4,284	160.0	1,237.7	509.5
1951-52—									
July	114.7	10.7	7.0	10,129	4,346	162.1	1,204.3	527.6
August	141.5	13.6	9.4	10,697	4,555	172.6	1,190.6	541.6
September	..	135.3	10.8	6.3	10,037	4,090	172.1	1,177.3	568.5
October	..	126.7	12.1	6.5	11,438	5,203	168.2	1,179.2	593.8
November	..	139.2	11.9	6.8	12,635	4,775	177.7	1,190.7	620.7
December	..	137.1	9.9	5.4	11,701	5,309	153.3	1,242.4	624.8
January	..	140.1	8.2	4.6	12,167	4,840	145.7	1,218.3	638.6
February	..	128.6	9.6	5.3	12,420	5,023	159.2	1,228.5	654.6
March	..	137.2	11.0	5.9	12,168	4,940	p157.4	1,241.3	664.1
April	118.2	10.2	5.4	11,684	4,834	p167.8	1,246.6	667.9
May	92.1	9.7	5.6	12,968	5,798		1,182.0	675.6
June	99.7	7.8	5.1		5,657		1,122.9	691.2
1952-53—									
July	r147.2	7.6	4.7		5,334		1,072.1	699.3
August	153.1	6.6	4.0		5,121		1,059.5	690.4
September	..		p7.1	p4.1		5,382		1,054.1	682.0

(a) Excludes Northern Territory, also extra-metropolitan area of Western Australia prior to 1938-39.

(b) Actual collections.

(c) From July, 1947, covers all State and Commonwealth railways.

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS : AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Natural Increase.(a)	Net Migration.(b)	Total Increase.(c)	Population at end of Period.
Quarterly Average—							
1936-37 ..	14,627	29,634	16,129	13,505	496	14,291	6,835,536
1937-38 ..	15,529	29,924	16,170	13,754	1,676	15,751	6,898,541
1938-39 ..	15,279	30,636	17,023	13,613	3,339	17,303	6,967,754
1945-46 ..	18,051	39,002	18,048	20,954	-2,441	18,366	7,465,157
1946-47 ..	19,399	48,072	18,401	29,671	-1,611	28,550	d7,579,358
1947-48 ..	19,008	44,252	18,876	25,376	7,341	32,717	7,710,228
1948-49 ..	18,498	44,149	19,041	25,108	25,287	50,395	7,911,806
1949-50 ..	18,558	47,048	19,001	28,047	40,387	68,434	8,185,541
1950-51 ..	19,211	48,114	19,896	28,218	33,244	61,462	8,431,390
1951-52 ..	18,896	49,228	20,661	28,567	25,720	54,287	8,648,539
Quarterly Total—							
1949-50—							
September Qtr. ..	15,450	47,405	22,219	25,186	35,671	60,857	7,972,663
December ..	19,823	46,613	17,858	28,755	49,464	78,219	8,050,882
March ..	19,258	47,478	16,996	30,482	44,970	75,452	8,126,334
June ..	19,699	46,696	18,931	27,765	31,442	59,207	8,185,541
1950-51—							
September ..	16,636	48,433	23,668	24,765	31,278	56,043	8,241,584
December ..	20,006	47,984	18,592	29,392	44,815	74,207	8,315,791
March ..	20,387	48,012	17,239	30,773	33,633	64,406	8,380,197
June ..	19,814	48,025	20,083	27,942	23,251	51,193	8,431,390
1951-52—							
September ..	16,610	49,681	24,114	25,567	23,487	49,054	8,480,444
December ..	20,487	47,580	20,352	27,228	31,062	58,290	8,538,734
March ..	19,409	50,404	18,228	32,176	27,698	59,874	8,598,608
June ..	19,078	49,248	19,949	29,299	20,632	49,931	8,648,539
1952-53—							
September ..					24,883		

(a) Excess of births over deaths. For the period September, 1939 to June, 1947, excess of births over civilian deaths only.
 (b) Excess of arrivals over departures. A minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals. Excludes troop movements for the period September, 1939 to June, 1947. (c) Includes natural increase and net migration together with adjustments for deaths of defence personnel and unrecorded movement of population between July, 1933 and June, 1947. (d) Census—30th June, 1947.

POPULATION: STATES.

Date.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
30th June—									
1939 ..	2,748,393	1,878,480	1,018,007	596,563	470,044	237,419	6,281	12,567	6,967,754
1946 ..	2,944,700	2,025,134	1,089,557	634,829	492,510	251,998	10,562	15,867	7,465,157
1947 ..	2,984,838	2,054,701	1,106,415	646,073	502,480	257,078	10,868	16,905	7,579,358
1948 ..	3,025,318	2,090,668	1,127,316	658,024	515,302	262,364	12,458	(a)18,778	7,710,228
1949 ..	3,113,659	2,139,124	1,150,771	673,069	532,667	269,383	13,800	(a)19,333	7,911,806
1950 ..	3,225,242	2,202,870	1,183,792	700,257	557,918	279,386	15,304	(a)20,772	8,185,541
1951 ..	3,317,182	2,269,291	1,211,239	720,040	581,486	290,838	16,422	24,892	8,431,390
1952 ..	3,388,437	2,335,475	1,238,425	739,563	601,266	302,111	16,478	26,784	8,648,539

(a) Revised estimates based on Census of Canberra, 14th-16th September, 1951, are as follows:—1948, 19,806; 1949, 21,415; 1950, 23,867

OVERSEA MIGRATION.

Permanent migration refers to persons, other than Australian troops and their dependants, intending residence for one year or longer—in Australia in the case of arrivals, and abroad in the case of departures. Temporary migration refers to persons intending residence for shorter periods, together with Australian troops and dependants from July, 1947, onwards, irrespective of length of intended residence.

Period.	Temporary.				Permanent.		
	Australian Residents.		Visitors from Overseas.		Arrivals.	Australian Residents Departing.	Excess of Arrivals (+) or Departures (-).
	Arriving.	Departing.	Arriving.	Departing.			
Monthly Average—							
1936-37 ..	1,910	1,937	2,294	2,297	1,148	953	+ 195
1937-38 ..	2,127	2,060	2,617	2,678	1,478	925	+ 553
1938-39 ..	2,145	1,966	2,649	2,742	2,081	1,055	+ 1,026
1945-46(a) ..	353	344	550	663	1,063	1,772	- 709
1946-47(a) ..	793	940	1,229	1,430	1,918	2,107	- 189
1947-48 ..	2,238	1,981	1,729	1,897	3,881	1,523	+ 2,358
1948-49 ..	2,008	1,898	2,829	2,566	9,568	1,511	+ 8,057
1949-50 ..	2,336	2,500	3,470	3,644	15,407	1,608	+13,799
1950-51 ..	2,812	2,617	3,594	3,753	12,774	1,729	+11,045
1951-52 ..	3,251	3,233	3,895	4,085	10,872	2,126	+ 8,746
Monthly Total—							
1950-51—							
September ..	3,059	1,478	3,137	3,412	12,291	1,419	+10,872
October ..	4,075	1,645	4,197	3,375	10,416	1,656	+ 8,760
November ..	3,664	1,274	3,371	2,804	17,656	1,365	+16,291
December ..	3,207	3,510	3,851	5,137	17,429	2,285	+15,144
January ..	2,842	2,777	2,875	4,132	13,219	2,040	+11,179
February ..	3,741	3,517	4,936	3,567	8,650	1,499	+ 7,151
March ..	2,986	3,655	4,698	4,133	16,854	1,848	+15,006
April ..	2,386	4,153	3,511	4,125	11,264	2,061	+ 9,203
May ..	2,050	3,444	3,769	4,175	9,333	1,575	+ 7,758
June ..	1,784	2,512	3,040	3,464	13,112	1,489	+11,623
1951-52—							
July ..	2,129	2,606	2,928	3,482	13,445	2,418	+11,027
August ..	3,111	2,021	3,307	3,306	5,602	1,907	+ 3,695
September ..	2,988	1,927	3,191	3,503	9,881	1,925	+ 7,956
October ..	4,137	2,037	4,261	3,491	10,109	1,797	+ 8,312
November ..	3,688	2,440	3,363	4,408	8,476	2,173	+ 6,303
December ..	4,274	3,443	5,103	3,709	12,597	1,448	+11,149
January ..	4,333	3,359	4,502	4,908	8,558	2,302	+ 6,256
February ..	3,249	4,186	4,292	4,409	9,996	2,139	+ 7,857
March ..	3,997	4,655	4,682	4,613	16,675	2,015	+14,660
April ..	2,452	4,497	4,065	4,366	10,949	2,353	+ 8,596
May ..	2,318	4,703	3,950	5,036	9,650	2,730	+ 6,920
June ..	2,331	2,919	3,092	3,786	14,524	2,309	+12,215
1952-53—							
July ..	2,609	2,938	3,537	3,572	12,474	2,649	+ 9,825
August ..	2,824	2,092	3,072	3,843	9,537	2,682	+ 6,855
September ..	3,696	2,561	3,604	4,007	10,774	2,900	+ 7,874

(a) Excludes troop movements, September, 1939, to June, 1947.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA.(a)
('000.)

Month.	Total Employment. (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces.)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Governmental Authorities.(b)	Private Employers.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (c)	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services. (d)
MALES.										
1939—July	..	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	52.2	391.5	149.7	185.9	259.7	133.6
1950—June	..	553.5	1,305.2	1,858.7	53.9	659.0	197.2	292.8	127.1	178.0
1951—June	..	570.4	1,341.1	1,911.5	55.8	674.7	212.7	294.7	129.7	188.4
1952—June	..	577.4	1,330.7	1,908.1	58.8	661.6	214.0	299.9	124.8	191.2
1951—May	..	570.6	1,339.7	1,910.3	55.5	674.0	211.9	294.9	129.6	188.5
June	..	570.4	1,341.1	1,911.5	55.8	674.7	212.7	294.7	129.7	188.4
July	..	571.2	1,341.6	1,912.8	55.7	675.3	214.7	294.0	129.5	187.6
August	..	569.2	1,342.7	1,911.9	55.7	675.3	215.2	292.8	129.2	188.0
1952—May	..	577.8	1,336.0	1,913.8	57.8	663.3	216.4	300.6	125.3	192.9
June	..	577.4	1,330.7	1,908.1	58.8	661.6	214.0	299.9	124.8	191.2
July	..	576.5	1,317.5	1,894.0	59.3	655.3	209.9	299.3	124.0	188.7
August	..	573.9	1,307.9	1,881.8	59.4	650.0	204.8	297.5	123.4	188.1
FEMALES.										
1939—July	..	55.2	381.9	437.1	0.3	148.2	1.2	12.6	114.9	129.0
1950—June	..	107.6	580.6	688.2	0.7	223.8	3.3	38.8	113.3	64.8
1951—June	..	113.8	605.0	718.8	0.8	234.4	3.8	40.1	119.1	71.3
1952—June	..	115.2	564.2	679.4	0.9	199.2	4.2	39.5	112.6	72.9
1951—May	..	113.8	605.3	719.1	0.8	234.3	3.7	40.3	118.8	71.4
June	..	113.8	605.0	718.8	0.8	234.4	3.8	40.1	119.1	71.3
July	..	114.9	605.3	720.2	0.8	234.6	3.8	40.1	119.1	71.5
August	..	114.6	607.5	722.1	0.8	235.2	3.9	40.1	119.1	72.5
1952—May	..	115.6	572.6	688.2	1.0	204.6	4.2	39.9	113.6	73.6
June	..	115.2	564.2	679.4	0.9	199.2	4.2	39.5	112.6	72.9
July	..	115.4	558.8	674.2	0.9	196.2	4.3	38.9	111.5	72.4
August	..	114.8	553.2	668.0	0.9	193.4	4.4	38.4	109.7	71.8
PERSONS.										
1939—July	..	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2	52.5	539.7	150.9	198.5	374.6	262.6
1950—June	..	661.1	1,885.8	2,546.9	54.6	882.8	200.5	331.6	240.4	242.8
1951—June	..	684.2	1,946.1	2,630.3	56.6	909.1	216.5	334.8	248.8	259.7
1952—June	..	692.6	1,894.9	2,587.5	59.7	860.8	218.2	339.4	237.4	264.1
1951—May	..	684.4	1,945.0	2,629.4	56.3	908.3	215.6	335.2	248.4	259.9
June	..	684.2	1,946.1	2,630.3	56.6	909.1	216.5	334.8	248.8	259.7
July	..	686.1	1,946.9	2,633.0	56.5	909.9	218.5	334.1	248.6	259.1
August	..	683.8	1,950.2	2,634.0	56.5	910.5	219.1	332.9	248.3	260.5
1952—May	..	693.4	1,908.6	2,602.0	58.8	867.9	220.6	340.5	238.9	266.5
June	..	692.6	1,894.9	2,587.5	59.7	860.8	218.2	339.4	237.4	264.1
July	..	691.9	1,876.3	2,568.2	60.2	851.5	214.2	338.2	235.5	261.1
August	..	688.7	1,861.1	2,549.8	60.3	843.4	209.2	335.9	233.1	259.9

(a) Excludes defence forces, at home or abroad, and National Service trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is based on Pay-Roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. Figures from June, 1945 (Factories, July, 1948) subject to revision.
 (b) Includes all employees of Australian Government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post office, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, &c., as well as administrative employees within Australia. (c) Pay-roll series subject to revision. (d) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, other Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic).

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : STATES.(a)
('000.)

Month.		New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
MALES.										
1939—July	..	529.9	357.5	172.8	106.7	82.9	37.4	2.1	3.8	1,293.1
1950—June	..	740.8	510.7	250.4	165.7	120.5	58.4	4.5	7.7	1,858.7
1951—June	..	758.2	525.8	259.3	170.0	125.3	60.2	4.6	8.1	1,911.5
1952—June	..	754.4	524.4	258.1	171.5	r126.0	61.0	4.4	8.3	r1,908.1
1951—April	..	755.9	523.5	258.1	169.3	124.8	60.7	4.6	8.1	1,905.0
May	..	757.9	525.3	259.2	169.8	124.7	60.6	4.6	8.2	1,910.3
June	..	758.2	525.8	259.3	170.0	125.3	60.2	4.6	8.1	1,911.5
July	..	758.4	525.3	260.5	170.0	125.6	60.2	4.7	8.1	1,912.8
August	..	758.7	524.2	261.1	169.6	125.5	60.0	4.7	8.1	1,911.9
1952—April	..	760.9	529.6	256.5	171.7	r126.9	61.4	4.3	8.1	r1,919.4
May	..	756.4	527.8	257.5	171.7	r126.7	61.1	4.3	8.3	r1,913.8
June	..	754.4	524.4	258.1	171.5	r126.0	61.0	4.4	8.3	r1,908.1
July	..	748.2	520.2	256.9	170.5	r125.2	60.3	4.4	8.3	r1,894.0
August	..	741.1	517.2	255.6	169.4	125.6	60.1	4.4	8.4	1,881.8
FEMALES.										
1939—July	..	168.0	142.9	53.2	34.0	26.2	11.6	0.2	1.0	437.1
1950—June	..	278.5	210.0	83.1	54.3	39.9	19.4	0.9	2.1	688.2
1951—June	..	290.9	219.6	86.1	57.0	41.6	20.3	0.8	2.5	718.8
1952—June	..	270.5	206.6	83.8	54.9	40.5	19.8	0.8	2.5	679.4
1951—April	..	290.2	219.7	86.1	56.9	41.7	20.3	0.8	2.5	718.2
May	..	291.0	219.6	86.3	56.9	41.6	20.4	0.8	2.5	719.1
June	..	290.9	219.6	86.1	57.0	41.6	20.3	0.8	2.5	718.8
July	..	291.2	219.9	87.1	56.9	41.5	20.3	0.8	2.5	720.2
August	..	292.6	220.2	87.6	57.0	41.6	19.9	0.8	2.4	722.1
1952—April	..	277.1	211.5	84.4	56.3	41.3	20.3	0.8	2.5	694.2
May	..	274.3	209.4	84.3	55.6	41.1	20.2	0.8	2.5	688.2
June	..	270.5	206.6	83.8	54.9	40.5	19.8	0.8	2.5	679.4
July	..	267.9	r205.1	r83.7	54.1	40.4	19.7	0.8	2.5	674.2
August	..	265.3	202.9	83.8	53.3	40.1	19.3	0.8	2.5	668.0
PERSONS.										
1939—July	..	697.9	500.4	226.0	140.7	109.1	49.0	2.3	4.8	1,730.2
1950—June	..	1,019.3	720.7	333.5	220.0	160.4	77.8	5.4	9.8	2,546.9
1951—June	..	1,049.1	745.4	345.4	227.0	166.9	80.5	5.4	10.6	2,630.3
1952—June	..	1,024.9	731.0	341.9	226.4	r166.5	80.8	5.2	10.8	r2,587.5
1951—April	..	1,046.1	743.2	344.2	226.2	166.5	81.0	5.4	10.6	2,623.2
May	..	1,048.9	744.9	345.5	226.7	166.3	81.0	5.4	10.7	2,629.4
June	..	1,049.1	745.4	345.4	227.0	166.9	80.5	5.4	10.6	2,630.3
July	..	1,049.6	745.2	347.6	226.9	167.1	80.5	5.5	10.6	2,633.0
August	..	1,051.3	744.4	348.7	226.6	167.1	79.9	5.5	10.5	2,634.0
1952—April	..	1,038.0	741.1	340.9	228.0	r168.2	81.7	5.1	10.6	r2,613.6
May	..	1,030.7	737.2	341.8	227.3	r167.8	81.3	5.1	10.8	r2,602.0
June	..	1,024.9	731.0	341.9	226.4	r166.5	80.8	5.2	10.8	r2,587.5
July	..	1,016.1	r725.3	r340.6	224.6	r165.6	80.0	5.2	10.8	r2,568.2
August	..	1,006.4	720.1	339.4	222.7	165.7	79.4	5.2	10.9	2,549.8

(a) Excludes Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces and National Service trainees in camp. See also footnotes on page 6.

EMPLOYMENT IN FACTORIES.(a)

(Number of Employees in Thousands. Excludes Working Proprietors.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Vic- toria.	Queens- land.	South Aus- tralia.	Western Aus- tralia.	Tas- mania.	Australia.			Index—Av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.	Divided by Index of Total Population.
							Males.	Females.	Persons.		
Monthly											
Average—											
1936-37 ..	197.8	183.0	45.9	39.3	21.4	11.8	359.6	139.6	499.2	950	959
1937-38 ..	215.6	193.6	49.6	42.6	22.0	12.5	387.7	148.2	535.9	1,019	1,019
1938-39 ..	219.5	193.9	51.5	42.0	22.1	13.2	391.8	150.4	542.2	1,031	1,022
1945-46 ..	300.9	245.9	63.0	60.9	29.1	18.4	524.8	193.4	718.2	1,366	1,264
1946-47 ..	331.3	256.1	68.6	68.2	32.2	19.2	578.2	197.4	775.6	1,475	1,347
1947-48 ..	349.8	268.1	73.0	71.1	34.0	20.3	611.5	204.8	816.3	1,553	1,397
1948-49 p ..	358.8	274.9	76.8	73.4	35.2	21.2	628.0	212.3	840.3	1,598	1,408
1949-50 p ..	358.8	281.5	79.6	75.7	36.6	21.9	636.9	217.2	854.1	1,624	1,386
1950-51 p ..	379.0	290.4	83.2	80.8	38.6	22.2	664.8	229.4	894.2	1,701	1,408
1951-52 p ..	377.9	292.2	83.1	81.3	r38.8	22.0	r672.3	223.0	r895.3	1,703	r1,369
Monthly											
Total—											
1950-51 p—											
August ..	375.5	286.6	83.3	79.3	37.9	21.6	659.9	224.3	884.2	1,682	1,408
September ..	376.2	287.1	83.3	79.9	38.1	21.5	660.2	225.9	886.1	1,685	1,408
October(b) ..	378.0	283.2	82.9	80.0	38.2	21.3	655.9	227.7	883.6	1,681	1,401
November(b) ..	379.2	286.1	83.0	80.2	38.3	21.7	658.9	229.6	888.5	1,690	1,404
December ..	377.6	290.8	81.2	80.5	38.3	22.7	663.0	228.1	891.1	1,695	1,404
January ..	378.1	291.1	81.5	81.3	38.5	22.3	666.4	226.4	892.8	1,698	1,404
February ..	380.4	293.6	82.4	81.6	39.0	22.4	667.5	231.9	899.4	1,711	1,411
March ..	379.1	293.8	83.4	81.8	39.1	22.6	667.6	232.2	899.8	1,711	1,407
April ..	381.7	295.3	84.2	81.6	39.1	22.8	671.1	233.6	904.7	1,721	1,412
May ..	383.5	295.3	85.4	81.6	39.4	23.1	674.0	234.3	908.3	1,728	1,413
June ..	384.4	295.6	85.3	81.7	39.5	22.6	674.7	234.4	909.1	1,729	1,410
1951-52 p—											
July ..	384.8	295.5	86.2	81.7	39.5	22.2	675.3	234.6	909.9	1,731	1,408
August ..	385.4	295.2	87.4	81.6	39.5	21.4	675.3	235.2	910.5	1,732	1,405
September ..	385.2	295.6	86.8	81.4	39.0	21.5	674.0	235.5	909.5	1,730	1,400
October ..	386.0	297.5	86.0	81.8	39.3	21.3	676.0	235.9	911.9	1,734	1,399
November ..	386.9	297.3	85.3	81.9	39.4	21.5	678.8	233.5	912.3	1,735	1,399
December ..	383.9	294.9	81.2	81.9	39.1	22.0	674.1	228.9	903.0	1,718	1,383
January ..	380.2	294.5	80.3	82.3	39.0	22.5	675.4	223.4	898.8	1,710	1,374
February ..	378.1	292.4	80.9	81.5	r38.9	22.2	r674.1	219.9	r894.0	r1,700	r1,363
March ..	375.2	291.7	79.7	81.7	r38.9	22.2	r672.9	216.5	r889.4	1,692	1,354
April ..	367.7	286.9	79.9	81.2	r38.3	22.5	r667.8	208.7	r876.5	r1,667	r1,330
May ..	361.9	284.1	81.7	79.9	r38.0	22.3	r663.3	204.6	r867.9	r1,651	1,316
June ..	358.9	280.9	82.1	79.3	r37.6	22.0	r661.6	199.2	r860.8	r1,637	r1,301
1952-53 p—											
July ..	354.1	277.9	82.3	78.4	r37.4	21.4	r655.3	196.2	r851.5	r1,619	r1,284
August ..	350.3	274.5	82.7	77.1	38.0	20.8	650.0	193.4	843.4	1,604	1,269

(a) Excludes National Service trainees in camp.
subject to revision.

(b) Affected by industrial disputes.

(p) Figures since July, 1948,

EMPLOYMENT IN RETAIL TRADE.(a)

(Estimated Number of Employees in Thousands.)

Period	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.(b)			
							Males.	Females.	Persons.	
Monthly Average—										
1945-46..	..	74.1	53.1	24.0	17.6	13.4	5.9	99.2	89.2	188.4
1946-47..	..	85.1	60.5	27.8	20.4	15.2	6.5	112.4	103.4	215.8
1947-48..	..	91.0	63.4	29.2	21.8	16.3	6.7	121.2	107.6	228.8
1948-49..	..	93.9	65.7	29.9	22.6	17.1	6.9	125.5	111.2	236.7
1949-50..	..	93.4	66.8	30.2	23.1	17.6	7.0	126.7	112.0	238.7
1950-51..	..	97.2	68.8	31.1	23.9	18.2	7.3	129.3	117.8	247.1
1951-52..	..	95.9	68.6	31.3	23.6	18.4	7.3	128.0	117.7	245.7
Monthly Total—										
1950-51—										
August	..	94.3	67.1	30.4	23.3	17.7	7.1	127.3	113.2	240.5
September	..	95.0	67.2	30.7	23.4	17.8	7.0	127.6	114.1	241.7
October	..	97.1	67.7	30.8	23.6	17.8	7.2	128.0	116.8	244.8
November	..	100.6	69.7	31.1	24.6	18.1	7.3	130.9	121.1	252.0
December	..	104.5	70.6	32.1	24.5	19.0	7.6	134.0	124.9	258.9
January	..	97.1	69.2	31.5	23.9	18.3	7.3	129.8	118.1	247.9
February	..	96.8	69.1	31.3	23.8	18.4	7.3	129.5	117.8	247.3
March	..	96.6	69.2	31.2	23.9	18.5	7.3	129.2	118.1	247.3
April	96.7	69.4	31.2	23.9	18.6	7.3	129.4	118.4	247.8
May	96.8	69.7	31.4	24.1	18.4	7.3	129.6	118.8	248.4
June	96.9	69.6	31.6	24.2	18.5	7.4	129.7	119.1	248.8
1951-52—										
July	..	96.8	69.7	31.7	23.9	18.5	7.4	129.5	119.1	248.6
August	..	96.9	69.5	31.7	24.0	18.3	7.3	129.2	119.1	248.3
September	..	96.1	69.2	31.6	23.9	18.4	7.3	128.7	118.5	247.2
October	..	96.7	68.7	31.6	24.1	18.4	7.3	128.5	118.8	247.3
November	..	99.1	70.1	32.0	24.1	18.6	7.4	130.0	122.0	252.0
December	..	101.9	70.8	32.6	24.2	19.1	7.6	132.2	124.7	256.9
January	..	96.5	69.0	31.5	24.0	18.5	7.4	128.5	119.0	247.5
February	..	95.1	68.1	31.1	23.4	18.5	7.2	127.3	116.5	243.8
March	..	94.1	67.7	30.4	23.1	18.3	7.3	126.3	115.3	241.6
April	92.8	66.9	30.4	23.0	18.3	7.3	125.5	113.8	239.3
May	92.7	66.7	30.4	23.1	18.2	7.2	125.3	113.6	238.9
June	91.8	66.7	30.3	22.9	17.9	7.1	124.8	112.6	237.4
1952-53—										
July	90.7	66.3	30.2	22.7	17.8	7.2	124.0	111.5	235.5
August	89.7	65.5	29.8	22.6	17.7	7.1	123.4	109.7	233.1

(a) Estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns. Excludes National Service trainees in camp. Figures from June, 1945, subject to revision.

(b) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-Roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 80 per cent. of total employment) and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. A seasonally adjusted monthly index of average weekly wage earnings is published on page 2.

Period.	New South Wales.(a)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(b)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
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AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID (£'000).

1945-46	..	4,966	3,378	1,563	947	689	344	11,887
1946-47	..	5,838	3,958	1,770	1,150	827	409	13,952
1947-48	..	6,976	4,719	2,069	1,369	954	492	16,579
1948-49	..	8,133	5,540	2,503	1,644	1,120	580	19,520
1949-50	..	9,018	6,370	2,838	1,894	1,315	672	22,107
1950-51	..	11,385	7,916	3,501	2,389	1,639	817	27,647
1951-52	..	14,364	9,816	4,319	3,018	2,108	1,059	34,684
1949-50—								
June	Qtr.	..	9,740	6,890	3,020	2,058	1,390	23,828
1950-51—								
September	..	10,024	7,075	3,167	2,129	1,493	710	24,598
December	..	11,233	7,688	3,487	2,277	1,575	776	27,036
March	..	11,413	7,893	3,443	2,449	1,641	843	27,682
June	..	12,869	9,010	3,907	2,701	1,846	939	31,272
1951-52—								
September	..	13,387	9,292	4,099	2,808	1,987	950	32,523
December	..	14,988	10,122	4,439	3,054	2,110	1,046	35,759
March	..	14,083	9,537	4,143	3,005	2,073	1,079	33,920
June	..	14,998	10,315	4,594	3,205	2,265	1,160	36,537

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (£).(c)

1945-46	..	6.57	6.59	5.95	5.89	6.04	5.67	6.37
1946-47	..	6.81	6.86	6.00	6.19	6.18	5.94	6.59
1947-48	..	7.73	7.80	6.58	7.02	6.87	6.72	7.44
1948-49	..	8.73	8.84	7.63	8.03	7.75	7.56	8.44
1949-50	..	9.50	9.78	8.34	8.83	8.65	8.49	9.26
1950-51	..	11.46	11.70	9.82	10.58	10.23	9.99	11.09
1951-52	..	14.24	14.20	11.93	13.13	12.80	12.59	13.65
1949-50—								
June	Qtr.	..	10.04	10.40	8.72	9.34	8.93	9.08
1950-51—								
September	..	10.27	10.65	9.00	9.55	9.52	8.91	10.03
December	..	11.37	11.53	9.87	10.16	9.93	9.62	10.94
March	..	11.41	11.51	9.65	10.76	10.14	10.17	11.01
June	..	12.78	13.05	10.75	11.81	11.31	11.19	12.34
1951-52—								
September	..	13.26	13.45	11.18	12.26	12.14	11.42	12.79
December	..	14.75	14.65	12.21	13.31	12.83	12.47	14.04
March	..	13.94	13.73	11.58	13.03	12.56	12.75	13.34
June	..	15.02	14.99	12.76	13.90	13.68	13.69	14.46

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Total wages as above divided by total civil employment expressed in male units. Male units equals the number of males plus a proportion of females based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States, precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above. The break in continuity in the State figures is indicated because the basic wage changes over the period may have affected the individual States differently from the Australian average on which the ratio is estimated.

NOTE.—Comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years. Quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.

Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of the *Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act 1944* (from 1st July, 1947, Part VII. of the *Social Services Consolidation Act 1947-1952*), which came into effect on 1st July, 1945.

NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH.(a)

Period.	Unemployment.							Sickness.	Special.(b)
	New South Wales.(c)	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.(d)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.	Australia.(e)	Australia.(e)
Monthly Average—									
1946-47..	1,815	1,697	4,610	206	1,032	78	9,438	8,083	288
1947-48..	637	140	2,640	49	390	32	3,888	8,538	517
1948-49..	282	32	1,094	15	121	31	1,575	7,614	591
1949-50..	8,327	123	1,371	241	155	30	10,247	7,585	897
1950-51..	287	71	326	6	59	14	763	7,059	863
1951-52..	949	220	1,374	24	64	16	2,647	6,454	993
Monthly Total—									
1950-51—									
September	220	51	120	8	54	26	479	7,576	898
October	243	67	127	7	45	17	506	7,595	892
November	214	137	145	6	58	11	571	7,212	873
December	450	129	268	8	63	10	928	6,370	808
January	179	46	401	5	64	9	704	6,326	832
February	170	30	703	6	54	11	974	6,890	859
March	433	43	646	5	54	9	1,190	6,622	838
April ..	266	48	291	4	53	8	670	6,540	800
May(e)	261	45	309	3	46	7	671	6,960	850
June ..	246	32	263	3	50	10	604	7,044	921
1951-52—									
July ..	233	198	137	5	49	8	630	7,145	940
August ..	121	45	138	9	45	9	367	7,273	950
September ..	102	206	148	4	38	7	505	7,006	955
October ..	118	24	210	6	31	3	392	7,066	962
November ..	152	51	483	4	26	3	719	6,318	963
December ..	336	126	1,551	4	47	3	2,067	5,562	858
January ..	336	53	2,190	3	48	5	2,635	5,942	981
February ..	460	40	2,293	4	50	5	2,852	6,131	997
March ..	858	111	2,742	23	55	7	3,796	6,408	1,047
April ..	1,370	279	2,530	18	55	9	4,261	5,977	1,063
May ..	2,687	379	2,016	57	82	24	5,245	6,241	1,055
June ..	4,613	1,133	2,055	153	236	104	8,294	6,378	1,148
1952-53—									
July ..	7,300	2,947	2,188	448	618	179	13,680	6,387	1,172
August ..	13,661	6,454	2,631	878	954	299	24,877	6,556	1,153
September ..	15,982	7,058	2,716	954	790	306	27,806	6,830	1,170

(a) Last Saturday of month. (b) Excludes migrants. (c) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (d) Includes Northern Territory.

(e) Figures in these columns are as furnished by the Department of Social Services. From May, 1951, the figures represent the number of persons on the cash sheet at the end of each month.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS—continued.

NUMBER ADMITTED TO UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT AND AMOUNT PAID IN BENEFITS: AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Number Admitted to Unemployment Benefit.			Amount Paid in Benefits.				
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Unemployment.	Sickness.	Special—		Total.
						Migrants.	Ordinary.	
Monthly Average—								
1946-47..	6,115	433	6,548	75,902	59,280	..	2,328	137,510
1947-48..	2,273	116	2,389	30,802	65,944	1,319	3,391	101,456
1948-49..	955	56	1,011	11,570	66,319	7,088	4,225	89,202
1949-50..	10,854	2,571	13,425	105,506	68,001	35,361		208,868
1950-51..	881	111	992	5,204	62,143	13,520	5,568	86,435
1951-52..	1,771	520	2,291	15,584	59,157	6,911	2,319	83,971
Monthly Total—								
1950-51—								
September ..	550	111	661	4,713	68,048	15,039	6,024	93,824
October ..	419	60	479	2,921	64,989	14,531	5,992	88,433
November ..	911	85	996	6,313	71,551	14,818	6,238	98,920
December ..	1,070	119	1,189	3,458	57,693	17,231	4,991	83,373
January ..	732	94	826	6,879	56,967	17,756	4,999	86,601
February ..	1,238	104	1,342	5,668	57,374	15,725	4,944	83,711
March ..	1,280	104	1,384	8,417	65,428	3,014	5,981	82,840
April ..	1,063	89	1,152	7,689	61,701	4,368	5,120	78,878
May ..	475	101	576	5,927	58,965	7,441	5,652	77,985
June ..	695	112	807	105	51,524	7,797	5,708	65,134
1951-52—								
July ..	870	109	979	4,024	50,463	853	5,678	61,018
August ..	475	73	548	3,931	68,164	667	6,430	79,192
September ..	407	85	492	2,518	62,451	4,509	6,689	76,167
October ..	468	76	544	3,409	73,246	876	7,670	85,201
November ..	706	121	827	4,085	59,058	384	6,201	69,728
December ..	1,934	241	2,175	7,920	54,718	1,082	5,951	69,671
January ..	1,940	241	2,181	16,964	61,154	2,949	7,494	88,561
February ..	1,605	448	2,053	24,057	58,020	3,175	7,130	92,382
March ..	2,442	947	3,389	22,279	51,699	1,401	6,608	81,987
April ..	2,251	954	3,205	26,442	53,215	1,741	7,297	88,695
May ..	3,085	1,440	4,525	29,037	55,993	4,712	6,517	96,259
June ..	5,068	1,500	6,568	42,345	61,706	5,480	9,265	118,796
1952-53—								
July ..	9,037	2,049	11,086	62,782	52,981	15,648	8,391	139,802
August ..	18,387	3,257	21,644	108,369	59,372	9,963	9,420	187,124
September ..	13,491	1,914	15,405	165,905	64,754	10,213	6,007	246,879

TRADE UNION UNEMPLOYMENT RETURNS.

The only records of unemployment available continuously over a long period of years at short intervals are the quarterly percentages reported by trade unions to the Commonwealth Statistician. The membership of the reporting unions consists predominantly of males, and represents at present about 55 per cent. of the total trade union membership and between 25 and 30 per cent. of all wage and salary earners. For some States and some industries the returns are more representative than for others. This table, therefore, should not be read as indicating the relative degree of unemployment amongst unionists in the individual States or industrial groups. It is an indication of trend of unemployment as estimated or recorded by secretaries of those trade unions which supply returns. Returns are not collected from unions whose members are predominantly in permanent employment (Governmental, &c.) or casual employment (wharf labourers, &c.). The percentages relate to unemployment due to all causes except unemployment of those directly involved in industrial disputes.

(Per cent.)

Period.		New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
1936-37	..	12.8	10.1	7.4	9.4	6.0	8.4	10.6
1937-38	..	10.0	8.2	6.9	7.3	5.4	6.8	8.5
1938-39	..	10.3	10.0	6.0	9.4	6.5	8.9	9.3
1945-46	..	1.5	1.1	0.9	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.3
1946-47	..	1.5	1.3	0.9	1.1	1.4	2.3	1.4
1947-48	..	1.0	0.9	0.6	0.9	1.1	1.5	1.0
1948-49	..	0.9	0.8	0.4	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.8
1949-50 (a)	..	3.3	0.7	0.9	2.2	1.1	0.7	2.0
1950-51	..	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.8
1951-52 p	..	1.3	1.0	0.9	1.1	0.9	1.7	1.2
1948-49—								
May	..	0.9	0.8	0.3	1.0	0.8	0.3	0.8
1949-50—								
August (a)	..	10.2	0.9	2.7	6.5	1.3	0.7	5.5
November	..	1.0	0.6	0.3	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.8
February	..	1.1	0.7	0.3	0.7	1.0	0.6	0.8
May	..	1.0	0.5	0.3	0.7	1.5	0.8	0.8
1950-51—								
August	..	1.1	0.7	0.5	1.1	0.8	0.5	0.8
November	..	0.9	0.7	0.3	0.9	0.9	0.4	0.7
February	..	0.8	0.6	0.2	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7
May	..	0.9	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.7	1.0	0.8
1951-52—								
August	..	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.8	0.7	1.2	0.6
November	..	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.7
February p	..	1.2	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.5	1.1	1.1
May p	..	2.8	1.6	1.8	2.0	1.6	3.4	2.2

(a) Includes all members of reporting unions indirectly affected by the industrial dispute in the coal mining industry; those directly affected are, however, excluded.

Note.—Fuller particulars are shown in the Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics.

INDUSTRIAL GROUPS : CHANGE FROM FEBRUARY, 1952, TO MAY, 1952.

Manufacturing—I. Wood, furniture, &c., 0.6% to 1.6%; II. Engineering, metal works, &c., 0.6% to 1.6%; III. Food, drink, tobacco, &c., 1.9% to 3.6%; IV. Clothing, textiles, &c., 1.8% to 2.9%; V. Books, printing, &c., 0.1% to 0.3%; VI. Other Manufacturing, 3.0% to 5.2%; VII. Building, 1.1% to 2.1%; VIII. Mining, quarrying, &c., 2.8% to 2.6%; X. Land Transport, other than railway and tramway services, 1.2% to 5.6%; IX., XI., XII., XIII. and XIV., Other and Miscellaneous, 0.6% to 1.1%; All groups, 1.1% to 2.2%.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES.

(£A'000 f.o.b.)

Period.	Producers' Materials for use in—						Fuels and Lubricants.	Auxiliary Aids to Production.	Munitions and War Stores.	
	Building and Construction.		Rural Industries.	Manufacturing.		Total.				
	Class Ia.	Class Ib.	Class Ic.	Class I.	Class II.	Class III.				
Monthly Average—										
1936-37 ..	347	4.0	143	1.7	3,435	39.9	3,925	45.6	621	7.2
1937-38 ..	472	4.4	155	1.5	4,285	40.2	4,912	46.1	784	7.4
1938-39 ..	385	4.1	171	1.8	3,599	38.2	4,155	44.1	736	7.8
1945-46 ..	258	1.8	348	2.4	5,438	36.8	6,044	41.0	1,665	11.3
1946-47 ..	405	2.3	316	1.8	7,595	43.8	8,316	47.9	1,527	8.8
1947-48 ..	727	2.6	289	1.0	12,362	43.9	13,378	47.5	2,379	8.4
1948-49 ..	1,194	3.5	318	0.9	13,545	39.2	15,057	43.6	3,037	8.8
1949-50 ..	2,026	4.5	431	1.0	14,438	32.3	16,895	37.8	3,852	8.6
1950-51 ..	3,416	5.5	416	0.7	23,479	38.0	27,311	44.2	5,029	8.1
1951-52 p	4,898	5.6	518	0.6	34,630	39.6	40,046	45.8	5,902	6.7
Monthly Total—										
1950-51—										
August ..	3,739	5.8	675	1.1	22,462	35.1	26,876	42.0	4,941	7.7
September ..	2,666	4.7	655	1.2	20,171	35.4	23,492	41.3	5,254	9.2
October ..	2,762	5.0	490	0.9	19,394	35.5	22,646	41.4	4,907	9.0
November ..	2,807	4.9	601	1.0	22,080	38.3	25,488	44.2	4,778	8.3
December ..	3,039	6.1	430	0.9	18,898	38.1	22,367	45.1	3,540	7.1
January ..	3,918	6.3	240	0.4	21,730	34.9	25,888	41.6	5,366	8.6
February ..	3,967	5.9	352	0.5	23,522	34.9	27,841	41.3	6,192	9.2
March ..	3,546	6.0	164	0.3	22,662	38.8	26,372	45.1	3,797	6.5
April ..	4,113	6.1	363	0.5	27,296	40.1	31,772	46.7	5,935	8.7
May ..	3,581	4.7	280	0.4	33,452	44.0	37,313	49.1	5,919	7.8
June ..	4,380	5.8	398	0.5	32,291	42.6	37,069	48.9	5,878	7.8
1951-52 p—										
July ..	3,232	4.0	422	0.5	36,818	45.6	40,472	50.1	5,974	7.4
August ..	5,175	6.4	698	0.9	32,835	41.0	38,708	48.3	5,431	6.8
September ..	5,183	5.5	465	0.5	42,478	44.7	48,126	50.7	5,899	6.2
October ..	6,367	5.7	495	0.4	45,293	40.8	52,155	46.9	5,154	4.6
November ..	4,714	4.8	846	0.9	37,711	38.6	43,271	44.3	5,984	6.1
December ..	5,638	8.3	667	1.0	27,162	39.7	33,467	49.0	3,884	5.6
January ..	8,144	7.2	620	0.5	46,944	41.3	55,708	49.0	8,079	7.1
February ..	5,604	5.3	471	0.5	41,109	38.8	47,184	44.6	5,515	5.2
March ..	4,736	5.5	334	0.4	31,587	37.0	36,657	42.9	6,540	7.7
April ..	4,528	5.6	396	0.4	29,541	36.3	34,465	42.3	5,595	6.9
May ..	3,629	4.8	497	0.7	24,611	32.7	28,737	38.2	6,753	9.0
June ..	1,828	3.3	310	0.6	19,467	35.5	21,605	39.4	6,021	11.0
1952-53 p—										
July ..	1,736	3.5	385	0.8	16,940	33.9	19,061	38.2	6,608	13.3
August ..	836	2.1	405	1.0	15,161	38.3	16,402	41.4	5,465	13.8

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES—continued.

(£A'000 f.o.b.)

Period.	Capital Equipment.						Finished Consumers' Goods.							
	Producers' Equipment.		Transport Equipment.				Food, Beverages and Tobacco.		Clothing and Accessories.		All Other.			
			Road Vehicles and Complete Parts.		Railway Equipment, Vessels and Civil Aircraft.									
	Class IV.		Class V. B.		Class V. A, C, D.		Class VI. A, B, C.		Class VI. D.		Class VI. E-J.		Class VI.	
Monthly Average—		%		%		%		%		%		%		
1936-37 ..	884	10.3	872	10.2	146	1.7	516	6.0	46	0.5	1,157	13.4	1,719	19.9
1937-38 ..	1,149	10.9	1,161	11.0	205	1.9	531	5.0	68	0.6	1,299	12.3	1,898	17.9
1938-39 ..	1,104	11.7	899	9.5	119	1.3	564	6.0	84	0.9	1,217	12.9	1,865	19.8
1945-46 ..	1,179	8.0	970	6.5	105	0.7	636	4.3	51	0.3	940	6.4	1,627	11.0
1946-47 ..	1,435	8.3	1,544	8.9	231	1.3	868	5.0	107	0.6	1,777	10.2	2,752	15.8
1947-48 ..	2,393	8.5	2,437	8.6	172	0.6	1,617	5.7	280	1.0	3,330	11.9	5,227	18.6
1948-49 ..	3,409	9.9	4,231	12.2	355	1.0	1,619	4.7	614	1.8	3,714	10.9	5,947	17.4
1949-50 ..	5,297	11.9	8,643	19.3	497	1.1	2,163	4.8	578	1.3	4,233	9.5	6,974	15.6
1950-51 ..	6,675	10.8	9,239	14.9	1,137	1.8	2,871	4.7	745	1.2	5,893	9.5	9,509	15.4
1951-52 p ..	9,960	11.4	10,941	12.5	1,661	1.9	3,074	3.5	1,149	1.3	8,361	9.6	12,584	14.4
Monthly Total—														
1950-51—														
August ..	7,702	12.0	11,102	17.4	730	1.1	2,804	4.4	690	1.1	6,852	10.7	10,346	16.2
September	5,992	10.5	10,034	17.6	1,363	2.4	2,007	3.5	722	1.3	5,512	9.7	8,241	14.5
October	6,000	11.0	8,440	15.4	673	1.2	2,432	4.4	586	1.1	5,913	10.8	8,931	16.3
November	6,466	11.2	8,328	14.4	1,269	2.2	2,642	4.6	747	1.3	5,144	8.9	8,533	14.8
December	5,226	10.5	6,965	14.1	1,256	2.5	2,287	4.6	524	1.1	4,445	9.0	7,256	14.7
January ..	6,475	10.4	10,106	16.3	896	1.4	3,149	5.1	890	1.4	5,781	9.4	9,820	15.9
February	8,822	13.1	10,692	15.9	1,043	1.5	2,893	4.3	846	1.3	5,866	8.7	9,605	14.3
March ..	6,038	10.3	8,768	15.0	2,037	3.5	2,617	4.5	1,020	1.7	5,381	9.2	9,018	15.4
April ..	6,748	9.9	8,864	13.0	1,243	1.8	2,722	4.0	830	1.2	6,454	9.5	10,006	14.7
May ..	7,682	10.1	9,469	12.5	679	0.9	3,962	5.2	741	1.0	6,569	8.6	11,272	14.8
June ..	7,055	9.3	9,010	11.9	1,770	2.3	3,695	4.9	850	1.1	7,508	9.9	12,053	15.9
1951-52 p—														
July ..	7,027	8.7	9,250	11.5	1,321	1.6	4,659	5.8	736	0.9	6,944	8.6	12,339	15.3
August ..	9,270	11.5	10,049	12.5	1,278	1.6	3,443	4.3	831	1.1	8,116	10.1	12,390	15.5
September	8,876	9.3	9,780	10.3	1,421	1.5	3,815	4.0	1,399	1.5	9,260	9.8	14,474	15.3
October ..	10,985	9.9	14,083	12.7	1,958	1.8	4,327	3.9	1,560	1.4	12,115	10.9	18,002	16.2
November	9,795	10.0	13,582	13.9	2,110	2.2	3,687	3.8	1,558	1.6	10,666	10.9	15,911	16.3
December	7,210	10.6	8,087	11.8	1,053	1.5	2,039	3.0	1,065	1.6	7,340	10.7	10,444	15.3
January ..	11,374	10.0	13,992	12.3	2,864	2.5	3,096	2.7	1,785	1.6	10,587	9.3	15,468	13.6
February	11,450	10.8	15,836	15.0	2,390	2.2	2,698	2.5	1,856	1.8	9,746	9.2	14,300	13.5
March ..	10,190	11.9	10,714	12.5	1,086	1.3	2,617	3.1	1,543	1.8	8,664	10.1	12,824	15.0
April ..	10,893	13.4	10,691	13.1	1,303	1.6	2,441	3.0	901	1.1	8,232	10.1	11,574	14.2
May ..	12,447	16.5	10,073	13.4	1,479	1.9	2,206	2.9	419	0.5	5,516	7.4	8,141	10.8
June ..	10,000	18.2	5,149	9.4	1,665	3.0	1,859	3.4	141	0.3	3,142	5.6	5,142	9.3
1952-53 p—														
July ..	8,474	17.0	4,852	9.7	2,048	4.1	1,577	3.2	118	0.2	1,992	4.0	3,687	7.4
August ..	6,489	16.4	2,859	7.2	1,902	4.8	1,434	3.6	98	0.2	1,769	4.5	3,301	8.3

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : DEGREE OF MANUFACTURE.

(£A'000 f.o.b.)

Period.	Producers' Materials. (Class I.)			Finished Consumers' Goods. (Class VI.)			Total Imports of Merchandise. (All Classes.)			
	Crude.	Simply trans- formed.	Elabor- ately trans- formed.	Crude.	Simply trans- formed.	Elabor- ately trans- formed.	Crude.	Simply trans- formed.	Elabor- ately trans- formed.	Total.
Monthly Average—										
1936-37 ..	1,024	373	2,528	45	303	1,371	1,069	1,505	6,032	8,606
1937-38 ..	1,241	449	3,222	48	300	1,550	1,289	1,796	7,530	10,615
1938-39 ..	1,100	351	2,704	55	309	1,501	1,155	1,627	6,653	9,435
1945-46 ..	1,810	631	3,603	75	485	1,067	1,885	3,048	9,825	14,758
1946-47 ..	2,422	795	5,099	109	634	2,009	2,531	3,321	11,510	17,362
1947-48 ..	2,903	1,803	8,672	107	1,110	4,010	3,010	5,872	19,292	28,174
1948-49 ..	3,273	2,059	9,725	133	899	4,915	3,406	6,738	24,361	34,505
1949-50 ..	3,916	1,777	11,202	180	1,277	5,517	4,096	7,851	32,730	44,677
1950-51 ..	7,012	3,185	17,114	273	1,600	7,636	7,285	10,961	43,577	61,823
1951-52 p ..	7,788	4,788	27,469	359	1,446	10,779	8,147	13,933	65,382	87,462
Monthly Total—										
1950-51—										
August ..	6,067	2,811	17,998	218	1,587	8,541	6,285	10,661	47,052	63,998
September ..	6,250	2,506	14,736	175	1,173	6,893	6,425	10,108	40,377	56,910
October ..	5,553	2,926	14,167	447	1,201	7,283	6,000	10,057	38,643	54,700
November ..	7,337	2,545	15,606	208	1,717	6,608	7,545	10,117	40,029	57,691
December ..	5,763	2,274	14,330	194	1,205	5,857	5,957	7,943	35,662	49,562
January ..	5,600	2,633	17,655	128	2,045	7,647	5,728	11,244	45,207	62,179
February ..	6,925	3,363	17,553	377	1,543	7,685	7,302	12,376	47,715	67,393
March ..	8,144	2,942	15,286	352	1,253	7,413	8,496	9,002	40,939	58,437
April ..	10,053	3,733	17,986	311	1,407	8,288	10,364	12,228	45,471	68,063
May ..	10,159	5,186	21,968	343	2,068	8,861	10,502	14,445	51,073	76,020
June ..	8,227	4,360	24,482	289	1,700	10,064	8,516	13,231	54,071	75,818
1951-52 p—										
July ..	14,925	4,141	21,406	649	2,525	9,165	15,574	13,902	51,236	80,712
August ..	6,159	5,934	26,615	633	1,482	10,275	6,792	14,480	58,895	80,167
September ..	7,083	5,501	35,542	524	1,674	12,276	7,607	14,809	72,517	94,933
October ..	10,439	7,707	34,009	669	1,574	15,759	11,108	16,585	83,396	111,089
November ..	7,625	5,926	29,720	294	1,591	14,026	7,919	15,612	74,118	97,649
December ..	5,386	3,825	24,256	143	765	9,536	5,529	9,895	52,914	68,338
January ..	10,808	7,976	36,924	251	1,366	13,851	11,059	19,678	83,023	113,760
February ..	8,448	4,872	33,864	202	1,313	12,785	8,650	14,031	83,212	105,893
March ..	6,808	3,171	26,678	167	1,154	11,503	6,975	12,703	65,700	85,378
April ..	4,616	3,090	26,759	260	1,243	10,071	4,876	11,814	64,751	81,441
May ..	6,498	2,512	19,727	375	1,087	6,679	6,873	12,011	56,414	75,298
June ..	4,656	2,820	14,129	142	1,581	3,419	4,798	11,675	38,415	54,888
1952-53 p—										
July ..	5,121	1,780	12,160	110	1,011	2,566	5,231	10,550	34,079	49,860
August ..	4,445	2,768	9,189	173	998	2,130	4,618	9,994	24,982	39,594

Note.—Class II. consists entirely of goods "simply transformed", and Classes IV., V. and VII. entirely of goods "more elaborately transformed". Class III. is about equally divided between goods "simply" and "more elaborately" transformed.

EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES.

(£A'000 f.o.b.)

Period.	Wool.	Wheat and Flour.	Butter.	Sugar.	Meats.	Hides and Skins.	Lead.	Dried Fruits.	Fresh Fruits.	Total Exports (Exclud- ing Gold)
Monthly Average—										
1936-37..	5,209	2,029	734	309	861	609	402	172	165	12,374
1937-38..	3,915	2,245	898	336	1,021	516	409	224	171	11,806
1938-39..	3,561	1,106	1,074	348	982	342	356	239	169	10,212
1945-46..	5,772	1,463	1,023	268	1,168	986	352	179	105	16,404
1946-47..	10,511	2,406	1,048	235	1,761	1,228	904	202	129	25,746
1947-48..	12,396	7,053	1,719	264	1,882	1,030	1,148	213	324	33,832
1948-49..	19,283	8,202	1,984	1,108	(a) 2,388	1,017	1,856	288	260	45,217
1949-50..	26,096	7,376	2,056	1,185	2,854	1,263	1,416	241	328	51,131
1950-51..	52,779	8,921	1,539	1,240	2,533	2,272	1,796	389	477	81,805
1951-52 p	27,013	7,390	371	586	2,968	1,428	2,157	472	573	55,780
Monthly Total—										
1950-51—										
September ..	16,427	10,790	809	2,101	2,858	2,030	2,104	382	114	46,368
October ..	53,849	10,791	1,548	1,620	2,688	2,367	2,014	385	258	86,672
November ..	66,189	9,420	1,859	1,730	2,080	1,944	2,123	179	124	95,778
December ..	50,995	5,828	3,352	1,601	1,734	1,726	333	117	59	72,233
January ..	69,928	9,879	2,547	1,315	2,058	1,862	1,346	63	87	98,826
February ..	54,273	8,127	3,977	1,958	2,986	2,895	705	45	105	85,143
March ..	69,499	8,371	1,377	887	2,130	2,238	563	46	334	94,563
April ..	101,817	8,623	1,052	368	2,660	3,408	2,926	502	1,170	136,036
May ..	64,961	10,315	660	375	3,538	3,157	2,070	726	1,663	98,660
June ..	45,049	11,077	413	395	3,166	2,250	5,203	956	1,286	79,746
1951-52 p—										
July ..	27,002	9,557	241	1,263	3,808	1,757	1,518	921	361	58,294
August ..	10,818	11,671	119	2,106	4,062	1,717	2,346	520	312	45,879
September ..	11,209	9,172	29	799	3,014	1,266	2,709	431	111	39,133
October ..	26,296	9,720	182	950	3,084	1,663	2,577	462	134	57,293
November ..	36,652	6,879	885	1,088	2,874	1,724	3,248	238	125	66,910
December ..	30,617	3,233	359	218	2,327	1,088	1,278	114	53	49,656
January ..	36,721	5,464	991	30	2,412	1,572	1,155	96	72	64,382
February ..	32,649	5,493	394	57	2,282	1,510	1,100	52	119	56,750
March ..	38,232	5,899	196	54	2,509	1,338	2,928	5	345	66,866
April ..	30,399	7,972	157	31	2,721	1,263	3,056	575	991	59,479
May ..	21,316	7,549	500	294	3,639	1,010	1,183	1,351	2,098	51,891
June ..	22,248	6,070	397	142	2,887	1,222	2,787	902	2,149	52,831
1952-53 p—										
July ..	23,976	5,901	441	37	5,153	1,371	3,743	907	1,030	r57,507
August ..	9,801	6,976	595	886	5,553	1,633	2,468	1,121	529	r41,943
September ..	15,436	5,528	1,030	2,234	6,105	1,353	1,764	1,019	184	50,539

(a) Prior to July, 1948, included Soups (1948-49 monthly average exports £92,000).

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES.

These index-numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all exports. For some metals and for wheat (since July, 1945) the index of prices is deduced from average value of current sales or shipments and hence shows some irregularity.

SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX : FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the prices of the commodities are multiplied by the average annual exports (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Section : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter.	Metals. (a)	Meats. (b)	Sugar.	Dried Fruits. (c)	Tallow.	Hides. (d)	Gold.	All Groups.		
											Ex- cluding Gold.	In- cluding Gold.	
Percentage Dis- tribution of Base Aggregate	(e) 45.63	17.06	11.36	6.83	6.63	2.40	1.81	0.64	0.66	6.98	..	100.00	
	(f) 49.05	18.34	12.21	7.34	7.13	2.58	1.94	0.69	0.72	..	100.00	..	
1936-37	..	122	123	92	120	98	104	103	122	113	99	116	115
1937-38	..	99	111	107	96	106	92	103	100	100	98	102	102
1938-39	..	79	66	101	84	96	104	94	78	87	103	82	83
1945-46	..	117	213	147	196	123	213	137	161	152	122	148	146
1946-47	..	173	305	173	308	139	264	152	361	334	122	209	203
1947-48	..	287	420	193	372	146	320	157	436	364	122	296	283
1948-49	..	365	413	233	478	171	343	162	499	421	122	348	332
1949-50	..	473	400	250	421	196	369	176	400	479	164	399	383
1950-51	..	999	432	271	689	209	410	226	356	752	176	690	654
1951-52	..	564	424	291	811	263	464	302	451	486 (h)	184	492	471
1950-51—													
September	..	890	419	271	675	205	394	187	363	632	176	631	599
October	..	890	427	271	681	208	394	187	354	663	176	634	602
November	..	965	436	271	704	208	394	187	354	693	176	674	639
December	..	973	437	271	700	208	394	187	354	719	176	678	643
January	..	1,252	430	271	713	208	426	187	354	838	176	816	771
February	..	1,339	423	271	714	208	426	187	354	1,041	176	859	811
March	..	1,437	428	271	739	208	426	303	354	1,010	176	912	860
April	..	1,094	443	271	774	208	426	303	354	829	176	747	708
May	..	973	445	271	771	219	426	303	354	811	176	689	653
June	..	717	447	271	751	219	426	303	354	726	176	562	535
1951-52—													
July	..	(g) 717	449	291	842	237	426	303	354	616	176	572	544
August	..	551	452	291	842	237	426	303	354	521	176	490	468
September	..	498	445	291	862	237	426	303	354	541	176	465	445
October	..	686	416	291	869	271	426	303	483	575	176	556	529
November	..	603	416	291	835	271	426	303	483	566	176	512	489
December	..	581	416	291	860	271	426	303	483	561 (h)	189	503	481
January	..	566	416	291	825	271	501	303	483	531 (h)	193	495	474
February	..	520	416	291	827	271	501	303	483	451 (h)	196	472	453
March	..	460	416	291	817	273	501	300	483	378 (h)	193	442	424
April	..	475	416	291	799	273	501	300	483	398 (h)	187	448	430
May	..	543	416	291	711	273	501	300	483	346 (h)	184	474	454
June	..	566	416	291	641	273	501	300	483	343 (h)	186	480	460
1952-53—													
July	..	(g) 566	416	313	621	294	501	300	483	340 (h)	186	483	462
August	..	(g) 566	416	313	613	294	501	300	483	381 (h)	187	483	462
September	..	p543	416	313	603	294	501	300	483	379 (h)	188	p471	p451

(a) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. (b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. (c) Sultanas, lexiyas, currants. (d) Cattle hides, calf skins. (e) For All Groups (including Gold)—applicable from 1936-37. (f) For All Groups (excluding Gold)—applicable from 1936-37. (g) Nominal. (h) The price used in the index since 14th December, 1951, is the price of Australian gold on oversea premium markets.

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES—continued.

RECENT TRENDS—EXPORT PRICE INDEX—WOOL AND “OTHER GROUPS”.

Reference to the group indexes in the table on page 18 hereof will show the great increases and the wide dispersion of prices of export commodities in recent years. In particular, very great movements upwards and downwards occurred in the price of wool during the twelve months ended June, 1951. Similar, but less marked, movements have occurred in prices of metals and hides. Since wool is a predominant export (with 46 per cent. of the Base Aggregate of the index) fluctuations in wool prices obscure the movements affecting the other components in the All Groups index. For purposes of comparison they are shown separately below.

(Base of each Section : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Month.	1950-51.			1951-52.			1952-53.		
					Wool	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.
1936-37	122	108	115	July ..	a 592	333	451	a 717	400	544	a 566	376	462
1937-38	99	105	102	August ..	864	340	579	551	400	468	a 566	375	462
1938-39	79	87	83	September ..	890	355	599	498	400	445	p543	374	p451
				October ..	890	360	602	686	398	529			
				November ..	965	366	639	603	393	489			
1945-46	117	171	146	December ..	973	366	643	581	398	481			
1946-47	173	228	203	January ..	1,252	368	771	566	397	474			
1947-48	287	280	283	February ..	1,339	369	811	520	397	453			
1948-49	365	305	332	March ..	1,437	377	860	460	395	424			
1949-50	473	308	383	April ..	1,094	384	708	475	392	430			
1950-51	999	365	654	May ..	973	385	653	543	380	454			
1951-52	564	393	471	June ..	717	383	535	566	371	460			

(a) Nominal.

MONTH-TO-MONTH INDEX : CHANGING WEIGHTS.

The index-numbers in the two preceding tables, while they indicate satisfactorily the general trend of the market, take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling during each month. In consequence the index-numbers do not give an adequate indication of the significance of the price movements as they actually affected current sales. This is shown more accurately by the index-numbers (including gold) in the following table, in the computation of which the “quantity-multipliers” are changed each month. The index-numbers are designed solely for comparisons of current prices with those of the corresponding months, or periods of months, of the preceding year.

(Base : Weighted average price level in corresponding months of preceding year = 100.)

Month.	Month stated compared with same month of preceding year.						Period of trade year ending in month stated compared with same period of preceding year.					
	1950-51.		1951-52.		1952-53.		1950-51.		1951-52.		1952-53.	
	Ex- cluding Wool.	In- cluding Wool.	Ex- cluding Wool.	In- cluding Wool.	Ex- cluding Wool.	In- cluding Wool.	Ex- cluding Wool.	In- cluding Wool.	Ex- cluding Wool.	In- cluding Wool.	Ex- cluding Wool.	In- cluding Wool.
July ..	119	156	116	119	91	83	119	156	116	119	91	83
August ..	119	182	113	87	94	97	119	168	114	104	92	88
September ..	117	174	110	80	93	100	118	170	113	96	93	92
October ..	114	184	105	84			117	175	111	92		
November ..	117	196	104	70			117	181	109	84		
December ..	115	182	104	67			117	181	109	81		
January ..	112	196	104	54			116	184	108	75		
February ..	109	192	105	50			115	185	108	71		
March ..	113	226	102	41			115	191	107	66		
April ..	113	174	98	53			115	189	106	64		
May ..	112	145	96	65			114	183	105	64		
June ..	114	119	93	84			114	178	104	65		

WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX.

Commodities in this index are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. The prices used have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from locally-produced building materials and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of variations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on estimates of the average annual consumption of the commodities in Australia during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Basic Materials.							Food-stuffs and Tobacco.	Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.		
	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Total.		Goods principally Imported. (a)	Goods principally Home Produced.	Total All Groups.
1936-37 ..	96	99	118	99	111	99	99	97	99	98	98
1937-38 ..	101	101	100	100	97	104	102	100	102	100	101
1938-39 ..	103	100	82	101	92	97	99	103	99	102	101
1945-46 ..	130	156	152	142	140	177	149	135	178	126	141
1946-47 ..	132	145	191	140	131	180	149	138	177	129	143
1947-48 ..	146	161	283	148	126	190	166	153	192	145	159
1948-49 ..	185	173	342	159	130	198	188	175	201	173	181
1949-50 ..	214	184	434	187	143	225	214	198	223	198	205
1950-51 ..	256	196	641	242	292	268	264	232	256	242	246
1951-52 ..	343	220	577	314	298	370	321	281	288	r305	r300
1950-51—											
September (b)	227	190	543	236	220	245	239	220	242	222	228
October (b)	238	190	544	236	275	246	245	221	247	225	232
November (b)	246	190	588	236	305	254	253	225	250	232	237
December (b)	256	190	596	239	338	255	258	220	255	230	237
January (b)	258	190	772	240	338	262	271	220	256	238	243
February (b)	266	195	836	251	347	279	283	228	264	249	253
March (b)	280	202	907	252	362	280	294	246	269	268	268
April (b)	280	208	703	252	329	296	286	240	268	258	261
May (b)	289	208	634	252	322	296	285	251	268	266	266
June (b)	289	208	479	254	304	311	278	276	272	279	277
1951-52—											
July ..	288	209	490	300	301	314	283	283	271	289	283
August ..	308	209	604	301	351	316	299	292	274	304	295
September ..	314	212	566	305	348	320	301	282	276	297	291
October ..	320	213	698	305	347	344	315	266	282	291	288
November ..	341	223	633	307	323	362	324	261	289	290	290
December ..	344	223	616	313	271	364	322	270	286	298	294
January ..	346	223	605	313	270	365	323	r266	286	r294	r292
February ..	363	223	560	317	264	394	332	r280	295	r307	r304
March ..	366	223	504	327	261	394	330	r289	295	r313	r308
April ..	370	223	517	327	262	395	332	r294	296	r318	r312
May ..	379	230	559	327	278	433	347	r294	301	r325	r318
June ..	379	230	570	331	296	433	349	r298	301	r330	r321
1952-53—											
July ..	392	230	570	344	279	435	354	304	301	338	327
August ..	394	230	577	350	241	418	351	304	294	339	325
September ..	400	230	p561	349	237	418	p352	295	294	p333	p321

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally. (b) This computation includes the price of raw wool for local manufacture. For computation using auction room price of wool see note (b) at foot of following page.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Aus- tralia.	Canada.	France.	India.	New Zealand.	South Africa.	Sweden.	United Kingdom.		U.S.A.
	Common- wealth Statisti- cian.	Dominion Statistician.	Inst. Nat. de la Stat.	Economic Adviser to the Gov- ernment of India.	Gov- ern- ment Statistician.	Census and Statistics Office.	Board of Trade.	Board of Trade.	Econo- mist.	Bureau of Labour Statistics (a)
1936-37 ..	98	101	83	104	96	97	98	100	105	104
1937-38 ..	101	104	105	100	102	103	103	104	102	101
1938-39 ..	101	95	112	96	102	100	99	96	93	95
1945-46 ..	141	132	534	244	157	159	171	167	161	133
1946-47 ..	143	144	889	278	156	164	174	178	181	170
1947-48 ..	159	175	1,451	(b)328	173	174	187	203	205	191
1948-49 ..	181	195	2,032	379	180	186	196	218	218	194
1949-50 ..	205	195	2,196	389	184	195	198	237	235	186
1950-51 ..	246	224	(c) 123	426	210	216	237	288	283	211
1951-52 ..	r300	229	145	414		252	285	321	297	r213
1951-52—										
October ..	288	234	146	438	236	238	277	321	296	215
November	290	233	151	436	242	244	287	321	295	215
December	294	232	152	433	243	256	288	323	301	215
January ..	r292	231	152	430	248	258	290	327	302	214
February ..	r304	227	152	416	251	260	290	322	297	213
March ..	r308	225	149	378	250	261	292	325	299	212
April ..	r312	221	147	378		262	291	322	297	r211
May ..	r318	219	145	367		265	291	320	294	r211
June ..	r321	221	143	375		266	r292	320	297	r210
1952-53—										
July ..	327	220	144	384		268	p290	320	296	p212
August ..	325			387		270		317	293	
September	321					270		p315	292	

(a) New Series (linked as at January, 1947, to former series to show movement prior to that date).
prior to July, 1947. Thereafter "General Purpose Series", on base: Year ended August, 1939 = 100.

(b) "Sensitive Series"
(c) New Series. Base : 1949 = 100.

Note (b)—

WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX.

Legislation which became effective on 14th December, 1950, had the effect of reducing (by bounty) the price paid for raw wool for local manufacture in Australia below the open market (auction room) price. Such reductions were virtually retrospective to August, 1950, and continued until 30th June, 1951. The effective prices paid for raw wool for local manufacture (i.e., auction room price less bounty) have been used in calculating the index published on page 20 hereof. Below are shown these same indexes calculated on the auction-room prices for wool. Only the four columns shown below are affected.

Period.	Textiles.	Total Basic Materials.	Goods Principally Home Produced.	Total All Groups.
1950-51—				
August ..	737	247	229	232
September ..	752	250	230	234
October ..	753	257	233	237
November ..	797	265	240	243
December ..	805	270	238	243
January ..	996	283	246	249
February ..	1,060	296	257	259
March ..	1,131	307	276	274
April ..	927	299	267	267
May ..	848	297	273	272
June ..	688	290	287	282

RETAIL PRICE AND WAGE-RATE INDEXES.

In the tables on this and the following page the index-numbers have been recomputed uniformly to the base average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000 in order to facilitate comparisons with other data. The absolute index-numbers differ, in consequence, from those appearing in other publications of the Bureau.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Retail Price Indexes : Six Capital Cities.						Weekly Wage-rate Indexes : Six States.	
	Food and Groceries.	Rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses.	Food, &c., and Rent ("B" Series).	Clothing.	Mis-cellaneous.	Food, &c., Rent, Clothing and Mis-cellaneous ("C" Series).	Nominal Rates, Adult Males.	"Real" Wage, Adult Males.(a)
1936-37	963	968	965	976	996	973	949	976
1937-38	989	1,001	993	1,006	1,003	998	1,007	1,009
1938-39	1,048	1,031	1,042	1,018	1,001	1,029	1,044	1,015
1945-46	1,187	1,054	1,134	1,777	1,212	1,278	1,343	1,051
1946-47	1,208	1,054	1,147	1,873	1,225	1,309	1,423	1,087
1947-48	1,333	1,056	1,222	2,013	1,279	1,393	1,565	1,123
1948-49	1,531	1,058	1,340	2,264	1,349	1,528	1,757	1,150
1949-50	1,664	1,063	1,421	2,626	1,443	1,669	1,913	1,147
1950-51	1,998	1,076	1,626	3,044	1,597	1,906	2,298	1,206
1951-52	2,694	1,104	2,051	3,623	1,898	2,337	2,806	1,201
1950-51—								
July	1,764	{ 1,066	1,509	2,831	1,492	1,773	2,026	1,143
August	1,788		1,583	2,946	1,555	1,853	2,291	1,236
September	1,876		1,659	3,040	1,630	1,932	2,367	1,225
October	1,903		1,752	3,357	1,710	2,067	2,507	1,213
November	1,931		1,857	3,463	1,787	2,191	2,629	1,200
December	1,963		2,018	3,582	1,870	2,303	2,771	1,203
January	2,009		2,085	3,658	1,905	2,366	2,878	1,216
February	2,050		2,153	3,789	2,031	2,488	2,946	1,184
March	2,085		2,186	3,808	2,103	2,524		
April	2,153		2,204					
May	2,186							
June	2,269							
1951-52—								
July	2,372	{ 1,091	1,897	3,463	1,787	2,191	2,629	1,200
August	2,443		2,018	3,582	1,870	2,303	2,771	1,203
September	2,517		2,085	3,658	1,905	2,366	2,878	1,216
October	2,576		2,204	3,789	2,031	2,488	2,946	1,184
November	2,684							
December	2,673							
January	2,706							
February	2,750							
March	2,796							
April								
May								
June								
1952-53—								
July	2,966	1,156	2,233	3,808	2,103	2,524		
August								
September								

(a) Index of nominal weekly wage rates for adult males divided by the "C" Series Retail Price index-number.

RETAIL PRICES, HOURS AND WAGES.

Particulars.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Six Capitals or Six States.
1951 : September Quarter—							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	2,263	2,177	2,025	2,136	2,155	2,178	2,191
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	2,678	2,606	2,565	2,559	2,677	2,623	2,629
“Real” .. (a) ..	1,183	1,197	1,267	1,198	1,242	1,204	1,200
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	193/-	189/-	175/-	184/-	188/-	187/-	189/-
State	(b) 193/-	(c)	(d) 175/-	(b) 184/-	(e) 196/8	(c)	..
1951 : December Quarter—							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	2,368	2,293	2,181	2,244	2,243	2,283	2,303
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	2,843	2,737	2,685	2,694	2,802	2,757	2,771
“Real” .. (a) ..	1,201	1,194	1,231	1,201	1,249	1,208	1,203
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	207/-	199/-	185/-	195/-	197/-	199/-	200/-
State	(b) 207/-	(c)	(f) 185/-	(b) 195/-	(g) 205/8	(c)	..
1952 : March Quarter—							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	2,444	2,322	2,262	2,314	2,346	2,346	2,366
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	2,938	2,842	2,835	2,795	2,899	2,848	2,878
“Real” .. (a) ..	1,202	1,224	1,253	1,208	1,236	1,214	1,216
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	216/-	209/-	199/-	205/-	205/-	208/-	210/-
State	(b) 216/-	(c)	(h) 199/-	(b) 205/-	(i) 214/1	(c)	..
1952 : June Quarter—							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	2,576	2,455	2,328	2,447	2,434	2,435	2,488
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	3,015	2,878	2,926	2,860	3,002	2,913	2,946
“Real” .. (a) ..	1,170	1,172	1,257	1,169	1,233	1,196	1,184
Average weekly hours ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	223/-	212/-	207/-	211/-	214/-	214/-	216/-
State	(b) 223/-	(c)	(j) 207/-	(b) 211/-	(j) 223/10	(c)	..
1952 : September Quarter—							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	2,592	2,501	2,362	2,509	2,499	2,516	2,524
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	235/-	224/-	213/-	224/-	222/-	222/-	227/-
State	(b) 235/-	(c)	(k) 213/-	(b) 224/-	(k) 232/3	(c)	..
1952 : December Quarter—							
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	237/-	228/-	216/-	229/-	228/-	230/-	231/-
State	(b) 237/-	(c)	(l) 216/-	(b) 229/-	(m) 238/6	(c)	..

(a) Base : Weighted Average Six Capitals (Retail Prices) or Six States (Wages and Hours) Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.
 Retail prices index-numbers are for the capital cities. (b) Payable as from the beginning of the first pay period commencing in the second month of the quarter shown. (c) None declared, but Federal rates followed to a large extent. (d) Payable as from 30th July. (e) Payable as from 23rd July. (f) Payable as from 29th October. (g) Payable as from 22nd October. (h) Payable as from 4th February. (i) Payable as from 29th January. (j) Payable as from 28th April. (k) Payable as from 28th July. (l) Payable as from 3rd November. (m) Payable as from 27th October.

PRIMARY PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES.

The annual index-numbers in the following table have been recomputed to the base average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100 from the series published in *Primary Industries Bulletin*. They are based in general on prices realized in the principal markets of Australia.

Since publication in the previous issue, revisions have been made to the index-numbers for Farmyard and Dairying, All Farming and All Groups to include Commonwealth subsidy on dairy products for 1945-46 and later years. The index-numbers for Agricultural, Pastoral and Mining for certain years and all the indexes for 1951-52 have also been revised in the light of data which have recently become available.

As preliminary annual index-numbers for 1951-52 based on reasonably complete price data have been shown, the monthly index-numbers for the latest twelve-monthly period normally included in this table as progressive forecasts of the annual index-numbers have been omitted from this issue.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.		Agricultural.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Mining other than Gold. (a)	Gold. (a)	All Groups.
1936-37	..	111	110	93	107	98	99	106
1937-38	..	99	102	101	101	109	100	102
1938-39	..	90	88	106	92	93	101	92
1945-46	..	160	133	r 144	r 145	149	123	r 144
1946-47	..	181	179	148	174	175	123	172
1947-48	..	256	248	168	236	238	123	233
1948-49	..	r226	291	185	249	306	123	250
1949-50	..	r258	r378	210	305	r317	r139	301
1950-51	..	r272	r765	240	495	r368	178	476
1951-52pr	..	341	483	316	403	522	178	407

(a) Year ended previous December.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES.

In comparing movements in the two sets of index-numbers on this page, attention should be paid to differences in the methods by which they have been constructed, and in the nature of the companies and the types of shares included in each index. These are outlined in the footnotes to the table.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	New South Wales : Ordinary Shares.(a)							Queensland : Ordinary Shares.(b)		
	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	8 Public Utility Companies.	5 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	5 Insurance Companies.	75 Companies (including 24 Miscel- laneous).	34 Active shares in- cluded in foregoing. (c)	12 Industrials.	12 Financial and Trading.	24 Total of foregoing.
1936-37 ..	989	1,059	1,010	1,106	1,052	1,022	1,026	1,006	1,000	1,003
1937-38 ..	1,012	1,008	1,026	1,053	983	1,009	1,011	1,014	1,011	1,013
1938-39 ..	999	933	964	841	965	969	963	980	989	984
1945-46 ..	1,262	1,190	1,022	1,062	1,071	1,161	1,199	1,317	1,075	1,206
1946-47 ..	1,463	1,479	1,104	1,131	1,296	1,325	1,355	1,472	1,249	1,370
1947-48 ..	1,666	1,663	1,044	1,229	1,505	1,450	1,450	1,625	1,386	1,515
1948-49 ..	1,682	1,601	948	1,240	1,635	1,426	1,413	1,681	1,364	1,536
1949-50 ..	1,763	1,603	887	1,357	1,920	1,491	1,458	1,746	1,370	1,573
1950-51 ..	2,242	1,932	928	1,926	2,492	1,845	1,763	2,108	1,623	1,886
1951-52 ..	2,040	1,658	872	1,606	2,625	1,662	1,537	1,838	1,402	1,638
1950-51—										
September ..	2,011	1,758	887	1,749	2,244	1,692	1,642	1,965	1,551	1,775
October ..	2,059	1,801	883	1,718	2,279	1,724	1,669	1,990	1,571	1,798
November ..	2,247	1,905	927	1,922	2,510	1,849	1,776	2,059	1,597	1,847
December ..	2,247	1,899	929	1,921	2,549	1,849	1,769	2,080	1,622	1,870
January ..	2,331	1,995	938	2,120	2,538	1,916	1,847	2,126	1,685	1,923
February ..	2,333	2,025	946	2,132	2,598	1,929	1,833	2,209	1,734	1,991
March ..	2,363	2,050	952	2,100	2,605	1,935	1,817	2,247	1,683	1,989
April ..	2,443	2,092	970	2,130	2,639	1,967	1,863	2,231	1,673	1,975
May ..	2,532	2,116	1,000	2,117	2,738	2,020	1,907	2,279	1,698	2,012
June ..	2,543	2,116	944	2,075	2,824	2,025	1,889	2,320	1,709	2,040
1951-52—										
July ..	2,510	2,093	940	1,979	2,891	2,005	1,859	2,300	1,696	2,023
August ..	2,398	2,011	906	1,936	2,941	1,933	1,777	2,255	1,646	1,975
September ..	2,281	1,908	869	1,794	2,907	1,842	1,686	2,165	1,614	1,912
October ..	2,218	1,818	886	1,830	2,874	1,801	1,674	1,988	1,523	1,775
November ..	2,133	1,701	880	1,717	2,815	1,730	1,599	1,988	1,477	1,754
December ..	2,045	1,616	866	1,599	2,774	1,664	1,538	1,906	1,427	1,686
January ..	2,012	1,605	865	1,563	2,732	1,638	1,516	1,849	1,381	1,634
February ..	1,896	1,505	857	1,469	2,619	1,557	1,430	1,669	1,303	1,502
March ..	1,834	1,469	843	1,412	2,371	1,502	1,388	1,622	1,244	1,448
April ..	1,697	1,403	840	1,331	2,230	1,423	1,312	1,479	1,212	1,356
May ..	1,743	1,398	847	1,338	2,178	1,436	1,341	1,423	1,157	1,301
June ..	1,719	1,368	871	1,300	2,165	1,418	1,327	1,409	1,142	1,286
1952-53—										
July ..	1,760	1,379	870	1,370	2,127	1,434	1,366	1,419	1,163	1,301
August ..	1,756	1,386	873	1,383	2,118	1,428	1,351			
September ..	1,709	1,365	883	1,361	2,108	1,398	1,321			

(a) Compiled by the New South Wales Government Statistician. The index-numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales. They represent unweighted averages of the mean monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. Adjustments are made where capital is written off or bonus shares issued. Recomputed from original base, par values. (b) Compiled by the Queensland Bureau of Industry. The index-numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of 21 representative Queensland companies, and the preference shares of three companies whose ordinary shares are inactive. The index-numbers represent unweighted averages. Mean monthly values are used. Recomputed from original base, April, 1928. (c) These shares relate to leading companies and do not include bank shares or mining shares.

SUMMARY OF PRICE INDEXES.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Primary Production Prices (All Groups). (a)	Export Prices (including Gold).	Wholesale Price (Basic Materials and Foodstuffs)			Retail Prices (Six Capital Cities) : "C" Series Index. (c)	Security Prices : New South Wales (Ordinary Shares—75 Companies).	
			Goods Principally Imported. (b)	Goods Principally Home Produced.	All Groups.			
1936-37	..	1,064	1,144	991	980	984	973	1,022
1937-38	..	1,015	1,022	1,018	1,000	1,005	998	1,009
1938-39	..	922	834	991	1,020	1,011	1,029	969
1945-46	..	1,444	1,459	1,782	1,257	1,412	1,278	1,161
1946-47	..	1,724	2,027	1,768	1,288	1,429	1,309	1,325
1947-48	..	2,331	2,834	1,924	1,448	1,588	1,393	1,450
1948-49	..	2,499	3,324	2,008	1,727	1,809	1,528	1,426
1949-50	..	3,012	3,830	2,231	1,982	2,054	1,669	1,491
1950-51	..	4,756	6,544	2,555	2,423	2,461	1,906	1,845
1951-52	..	p4,065	4,710	2,877	r3,047	r2,996	2,337	1,662
1950-51—								
July	4,510	2,359	2,178	2,231	1,773 {	1,597
August	5,787	2,403	(d)2,218	(d)2,273		1,640
September	5,993	2,422	(d)2,223	(d)2,282		1,692
October	6,018	2,468	(d)2,255	(d)2,317		1,724
November	6,395	2,503	(d)2,322	(d)2,374		1,849
December	6,430	2,547	(d)2,302	(d)2,374		1,849
January	7,715	2,558	(d)2,377	(d)2,430		1,916
February	8,114	2,640	(d)2,488	(d)2,532		1,929
March	8,604	2,688	(d)2,677	(d)2,680		1,935
April	7,076	2,675	(d)2,585	(d)2,611		1,967
May	6,534	2,683	(d)2,656	(d)2,663		2,020
June	5,349	2,715	(d)2,794	(d)2,770		2,025
1951-52—								
July	5,441	2,712	2,886	2,834	2,191 {	2,005
August	4,684	2,745	3,038	2,950		1,933
September	4,445	2,758	2,971	2,906		1,842
October	5,294	2,823	2,908	2,882		1,801
November	4,891	2,891	2,902	2,899		1,730
December	4,815	2,859	2,975	2,941		1,664
January	4,740	2,859	r2,942	r2,916		1,638
February	4,532	2,948	r3,074	r3,036		1,557
March	4,243	2,949	r3,132	r3,077		1,502
April	4,298	2,962	r3,182	r3,117		1,423
May	4,542	3,008	r3,254	r3,180		1,436
June	4,598	3,007	r3,297	r3,211		1,418
1952-53—								
July	4,622	3,015	r3,377	3,270	2,524 {	1,434
August	4,621	2,938	3,386	3,253		1,428
September	4,511	2,937	3,328	3,211		1,398

(a) See note at head of page 24. (b) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally. (c) Covers Food and Groceries, House Rent, Clothing and Miscellaneous Items. (d) Index-numbers computed on price of raw wool for local manufacture. For computation using the auction room price of wool, see note (b) at foot of page 21.

BUILDING PERMITS : SIX CAPITAL CITIES AND SUBURBS.

(As granted by Local Government Authorities. Excludes Government Buildings except as indicated in note (a), page 29.)

Period.	New Dwellings.		Other New Buildings.		Total New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	Total.
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.		
		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Monthly Average—								
1936-37 (a) ..	1,122	1,104	154	474	1,276	1,578	408	1,986
1937-38 (a) ..	1,394	1,413	147	472	1,541	1,885	422	2,307
1938-39 (a) ..	1,463	1,509	137	424	1,600	1,933	420	2,353
1945-46 (a) ..	1,531	1,635	107	156	1,638	1,791	399	2,190
1946-47 ..	2,209	2,976	156	512	2,365	3,488	596	4,084
1947-48 ..	2,381	3,649	124	453	2,505	4,102	585	4,687
1948-49 ..	2,621	4,457	110	440	2,731	4,897	680	5,577
1949-50 ..	3,045	5,770	113	460	3,158	6,230	899	7,129
1950-51 ..	3,558	7,857	151	1,062	3,709	8,919	1,507	10,426
1951-52 ..	r2,709	r6,648	165	1,270	r2,874	r7,918	1,727	r9,645
Monthly Total—								
1950-51—								
August ..	4,067	8,108	157	643	4,224	8,751	1,275	10,026
September ..	3,575	7,145	151	1,002	3,726	8,147	1,455	9,602
October ..	3,579	7,529	159	875	3,738	8,404	1,396	9,800
November ..	3,617	7,792	171	1,510	3,788	9,302	1,481	10,783
December ..	2,551	5,386	105	1,161	2,656	6,547	822	7,369
January ..	3,293	7,223	150	1,129	3,443	8,352	1,247	9,599
February ..	3,486	8,023	128	632	3,614	8,655	1,440	10,095
March ..	3,337	8,156	153	758	3,490	8,914	1,953	10,867
April ..	3,952	9,163	186	2,126	4,138	11,289	1,790	13,079
May ..	3,836	9,167	155	1,642	3,991	10,809	2,133	12,942
June ..	3,801	9,198	140	707	3,941	9,905	1,928	11,833
1951-52—								
July ..	3,676	8,711	193	1,269	3,869	9,980	1,812	11,792
August ..	3,780	9,545	185	1,076	3,965	10,621	2,285	12,906
September ..	2,955	6,946	200	1,818	3,155	8,764	1,423	10,187
October ..	3,199	8,295	157	981	3,356	9,276	1,908	11,184
November ..	2,748	6,686	162	1,008	2,910	7,694	1,690	9,384
December ..	1,752	4,280	105	1,823	1,857	6,103	1,685	7,788
January ..	2,148	5,266	123	1,090	2,271	6,356	1,256	7,612
February ..	2,369	5,655	170	1,260	2,539	6,915	1,372	8,287
March ..	r2,591	r6,187	146	926	r2,737	r7,113	1,736	r8,849
April ..	2,191	5,733	163	946	2,354	6,679	1,914	8,593
May ..	2,326	5,729	182	1,513	2,508	7,242	2,064	9,306
June ..	2,780	6,740	197	1,534	2,977	8,274	1,574	9,848
1952-53—								
July ..	2,364	5,835	242	1,146	2,606	6,981	1,563	8,544

(a) Excludes suburbs of Hobart.

NOTE.—The National Security (Building Control) Regulations, which operated from 5th December, 1940, placed the granting of building permits for new buildings or alterations costing more than £5,000 under the control of the Commonwealth Treasurer. Various amending regulations made the control more stringent. On 19th June, 1942, the control passed to the Department for War Organization of Industry, after which date only alterations costing less than £25 could be made without consent. From 31st August, 1945, when control passed to the Department of Works and Housing, consent was not necessary for the erection of a dwelling house costing less than £1,200 or for repairs and alterations to a residential building costing less than £150 in any financial year. As from 1st November, 1945, the Commonwealth Government relinquished control over building permits and delegated its powers under National Security Regulations to the States until State legislation was introduced. In Tasmania, control over building permits was discontinued from 31st December, 1946. In other States, control over building permits has, by stages, been considerably relaxed and, in most States, is now virtually discontinued. The "value of permits" shown above relates to the value of building permits issued by local government authorities and not to approvals granted under the Regulations.

BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL.

(Figures for Government Buildings relate to contracts let or day-labour work commenced. Figures for Private Buildings relate only to Permits issued by Local Government Authorities. Alterations and additions are included.)

(£'000.)

Period.	Australia.(a)			New South Wales.			Victoria.			
	Government.		Private.	Government. (b)		Private.	Government.		Private.	
	Commonwealth and State.	Six Capital Cities and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas.	Commonwealth and State.	Sydney and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note A.	Commonwealth and State.	Melbourne and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas See note B.	
Monthly Average—										
1936-37	..	n.a.	(c)1,986	(d)627	n.a.	848	416	n.a.	667	62
1937-38	..	n.a.	(c)2,307	(d)764	n.a.	1,093	506	n.a.	669	78
1938-39	..	408	(c)2,353	(d)755	187	1,111	495	107	702	63
1945-46	..	1,057	(c)2,190	1,147	540	943	808	381	592	61
1946-47	..	1,248	4,084	(e)1,991	633	1,768	1,301	371	1,195	91
1947-48	..	r2,009	4,687	(f)3,151	1,044	1,705	(g)1,985	545	1,650	126
1948-49	..	r1,992	5,577	3,832	904	2,089	2,432	675	1,804	211
1949-50	..	r2,751	7,129	4,863	985	2,625	3,101	1,067	2,218	217
1950-51	..	r4,360	10,426	6,807	r1,964	3,610	4,519	r1,428	3,187	270
1951-52	..		r9,645	6,162	1,603	2,679	3,717	960	2,831	253
1949-50—										
June	Qtr.	r3,138	8,652	5,500	1,310	3,165	3,491	1,169	2,583	256
1950-51—										
September	..	r3,968	9,582	6,297	2,020	3,183	4,082	1,133	2,948	308
December	..	r3,933	9,317	6,150	r1,914	3,331	4,141	r1,281	2,958	219
March	..	r4,558	10,187	6,865	2,071	3,732	4,718	1,503	2,986	225
June	..	r4,981	12,618	7,915	1,850	4,194	5,133	1,797	3,855	329
1951-52—										
September	..	4,443	11,628	7,711	2,397	3,456	4,907	926	3,571	373
December	..	r3,400	9,452	6,124	1,357	2,820	3,612	946	2,856	207
March	..	3,089	r8,249	5,153	1,193	2,120	2,859	r960	2,380	264
June	..		9,249	5,659	1,466	2,320	3,490	1,011	2,517	167
Monthly Total—										
1951-52—										
June..	..	n.a.	9,848	n.a.	n.a.	1,894	3,187	n.a.	2,162	n.a.
1952-53—										
July	..	n.a.	8,544	n.a.	n.a.	2,234	3,383	n.a.	2,633	n.a.
August	..	n.a.		n.a.	n.a.	2,106	2,985	n.a.	2,870	n.a.

(a) See note (a) on page 29.

(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Excludes suburbs of Hobart.

(d) Incomplete, excludes Western Australia.

(e) See E and F, page 29.

(f) See A, below and C, page 29.

(g) Includes all areas outside Sydney and suburbs from September quarter, 1947. See A below.

NOTES.

A. Includes 129 Country Towns and seven Shires near Sydney to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Sydney and suburbs.
 B. Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Horsham, Mildura, Newtown and Chilwell, Sale, Shepparton and Warrnambool.

NOTE.—The values shown exclude, in general, air raid shelters and alterations for protection against air raids.

BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL—continued.

(Figures for Private Buildings relate only to Permits issued by Local Government Authorities.)
(£'000.)

Period.	Queensland.			South Australia.			Western Australia.			Tasmania.			
	Govern- ment.	Private.(a)		Govern- ment.(b)	Private.(a)		Govern- ment.	Private.(a)		Govern- ment.	Private.(a)		
		Common- wealth and State.	Brisbane and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note C.	Common- wealth and State.	Adelaide and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note D.	Common- wealth and State.	Perth and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note E.	Common- wealth and State.	Hobart and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note F.
Monthly Average													
1936-37	..	n.a.	153	98	n.a.	118	32	n.a.	168	n.a.	n.a.	32	19
1937-38	..	n.a.	167	114	n.a.	173	48	n.a.	174	n.a.	n.a.	31	18
1938-39	..	34	171	118	22	192	63	38	145	n.a.	20	32	16
1945-46	..	34	241	193	46	260	51	39	129	18	17	25	16
1946-47	..	78	455	290	57	379	105	77	187	(c)60	32	(d) 100	(e)144
1947-48	..	141	557	(f)692	r132	418	91	115	238	60	32	119	197
1948-49	..	116	610	721	r105	564	132	145	338	70	47	172	266
1949-50	..	198	827	868	r217	727	188	197	499	111	87	233	378
1950-51	..	r357	1,106	1,061	r216	1,174	215	r282	1,027	274	113	322	468
1951-52	..	228	r1,371	1,107	377	1,386	244		1,120	347		258	494
1949-50—													
June	Qtr.	245	964	965	r217	936	265	161	723	154	36	281	369
1950-51—													
Sept.	..	166	1,008	998	r331	1,171	200	239	922	239	79	350	470
Dec.	..	r234	983	955	r108	914	185	r228	830	221	r168	301	429
March	..	382	1,294	1,094	r194	1,008	185	r324	931	261	84	236	382
June	..	644	1,140	1,196	r231	1,604	289	337	1,426	376	122	399	592
1951-52—													
Sept.	..	181	1,700	1,219	482	1,096	227	348	1,479	406	109	326	579
Dec.	..	329	1,319	1,109	r272	1,093	291	451	1,088	336	45	276	569
March	..	133	r1,292	1,093	r326	1,313	239	321	904	299	163	240	399
June	..	271	1,171	1,007	r426	2,044	219		1,007	349		190	427
Monthly Total—													
1951-52—													
June	..	n.a.	1,592	923	n.a.	3,078	n.a.	n.a.	981	364	n.a.	141	390
1952-53—													
July	..	n.a.	1,394	1,027	n.a.	1,022	n.a.	n.a.	1,029	256	n.a.	232	294
August	..	n.a.			n.a.	1,182	n.a.	n.a.	848	307	n.a.	384	349

(a) Includes buildings erected under government home building schemes where permits obtained from local government authorities.
(b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Includes 86 country local authorities from September quarter, 1946. See E below. (d) Previously Hobart city area only. From September quarter, 1946, includes Hobart and suburbs. (e) Includes all areas outside Hobart and suburbs from September quarter, 1946. See F below. (f) Includes all areas outside Brisbane and suburbs from September quarter, 1947. See C below

NOTES.

C. Includes the Cities of Bundaberg, Cairns, Charters Towers, Gympie, Ipswich, Mackay, Maryborough, Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Townsville and Warwick, and the Towns of Bowen, Charleville, Dalby, Innisfail, Longreach, Redcliffe, Roma, Southport, and Stanthorpe to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Brisbane and suburbs.

D. Includes Local Government areas, and estimate for unincorporated areas.

E. Includes 15 country local authorities, representing approximately 30 per cent. of provincial population to June quarter, 1946. Thereafter includes 86 country local authorities, representing approximately 86 per cent. of provincial population.

F. Launceston only to June quarter, 1946, thereafter all areas outside Hobart and suburbs.

NOTE.—The values shown exclude, in general, air raid shelters and alterations for protection against air raids.

VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)
(£'000.)

Period.	Commenced.			Completed.			Under Construction at end of period.		
	Houses.	Other.	Total.	Houses.	Other.	Total.	Houses.	Other.	Total.
Quarterly Average—									
1945-46..	..	n.a.	n.a.	3,615	1,758	5,373	23,580	9,806	33,386
1946-47..	..	13,740	4,148	17,888	8,924	1,578	10,502	44,745	21,255
1947-48..	..	17,638	5,138	22,776	13,307	2,389	15,696	65,459	33,588
1948-49..	..	21,875	6,922	28,797	18,331	3,932	22,263	84,172	49,065
1949-50..	..	28,086	7,982	36,068	22,443	5,251	27,694	115,347	60,992
1950-51p	..	40,118	14,587	54,705	31,157	6,227	37,384	160,925	91,446
1951-52p	..	44,538	16,224	60,762	42,841	10,858	53,699	188,037	125,417
Quarterly Total—									
1949-50—									
June Qtr.	..	31,832	8,093	39,925	24,778	6,272	31,050	115,347	60,992
1950-51—									
Sept.	..	36,857	11,614	48,471	27,986	6,000	33,986	127,267	67,976
Dec.	..	38,662	13,731	52,393	33,291	6,038	39,329	135,266	77,204
March	..	38,905	14,273	53,178	28,851	5,322	34,173	151,685	83,406
June	..p	46,048	18,728	64,776	34,500	7,549	42,049	160,925	91,446
1951-52—									
Sept. p	..	48,550	16,245	64,795	38,009	9,217	47,226	177,971	104,637
Dec. p	..	46,306	15,473	61,779	44,976	9,516	54,492	183,623	113,129
March p	..	42,707	15,122	57,829	41,292	10,728	52,020	190,656	118,447
June p	..	40,590	18,054	58,644	47,085	13,973	61,058	188,037	125,417
									313,454

VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)
(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
Quarterly Average—								
1945-46..	..	2,326	1,368	830	420	244	157	28
1946-47..	..	4,274	2,767	1,814	686	529	354	78
1947-48..	..	6,076	4,473	2,598	1,020	832	570	127
1948-49..	..	8,434	6,839	3,050	1,621	1,177	953	189
1949-50..	..	10,230	8,668	3,488	2,268	1,338	1,336	366
1950-51..	..	p12,367	12,949	4,322	3,010	2,237	2,101	398
1951-52..	..	p19,007	16,909	6,335	4,551	3,606	2,628	663
Quarterly Total—								
1949-50—								
June Qtr.	..	10,620	9,876	3,912	2,796	1,507	1,556	783
1950-51—								
Sept.	..	11,168	11,412	4,056	2,896	1,891	2,178	385
Dec.	..	13,157	13,680	4,510	3,172	2,483	1,820	507
March	..	11,372	11,804	4,201	2,434	2,053	2,071	238
June	..	p13,769	14,904	4,519	3,540	2,521	2,334	462
1951-52—								
Sept. ..		p14,850	16,408	5,618	4,044	2,940	2,780	586
Dec. ..		p18,125	17,885	6,200	4,693	3,735	3,338	516
March ..		p20,343	14,801	6,485	4,197	3,466	1,961	767
June ..		p22,710	18,541	7,036	5,269	4,285	2,432	785
								p61,058

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES.

(Including Owner-built Houses.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
COMMENCED.								
Quarterly Average—								
1946-47..	4,430	3,245	2,231	817	601	411	81	11,816
1947-48..	4,952	3,720	2,382	895	768	516	98	13,331
1948-49..	5,323	3,872	2,340	1,140	961	712	134	14,482
1949-50..	5,514	5,259	2,502	1,527	1,258	916	97	17,073
1950-51..	p6,292	6,551	2,675	1,991	1,742	1,030	219	p20,500
1951-52..	p6,091	5,682	3,000	2,128	1,932	896	78	p19,807
Quarterly Total—								
1949-50—June Qtr.	5,049	6,027	2,688	1,965	1,505	1,033	101	18,368
1950-51—Sept. ..	6,136	6,731	2,746	2,194	1,616	968	122	20,513
Dec. ..	6,058	6,936	2,408	1,948	1,597	1,037	163	20,147
Mar. ..	6,166	5,821	2,577	1,741	1,969	1,031	228	19,533
June ..	p6,802	6,717	2,967	2,083	1,788	1,086	364	p21,807
1951-52—Sept. ..	p6,367	6,848	3,423	2,096	2,138	1,098	81	p22,051
Dec. ..	p6,323	6,246	2,981	1,998	2,039	1,016	64	p20,667
Mar. ..	p5,892	5,066	2,919	2,205	1,828	787	93	p18,790
June ..	p5,782	4,568	2,677	2,211	1,725	684	74	p17,721
COMPLETED.								
Quarterly Average—								
1945-46..	1,398	917	846	333	215	120	15	3,844
1946-47..	3,047	1,858	1,937	557	448	268	37	8,152
1947-48..	3,715	2,962	2,300	752	693	386	68	10,876
1948-49..	4,466	3,570	2,338	997	811	572	81	12,835
1949-50..	4,692	3,900	2,362	1,226	877	713	101	13,871
1950-51..	p4,943	5,256	2,569	1,680	1,290	979	144	p16,861
1951-52..	p5,818	5,867	2,951	1,928	1,644	1,000	146	p19,354
Quarterly Total—								
1949-50—June Qtr.	4,733	4,253	2,531	1,410	1,006	805	135	14,873
1950-51—Sept. ..	4,775	4,930	2,525	1,624	1,149	1,038	176	16,217
Dec. ..	5,688	5,763	2,744	1,897	1,481	870	181	18,624
Mar. ..	4,417	4,654	2,449	1,389	1,174	966	74	15,123
June ..	p4,891	5,678	2,557	1,815	1,356	1,040	143	p17,480
1951-52—Sept. ..	p5,030	6,081	2,878	1,768	1,380	1,071	135	p18,343
Dec. ..	p6,041	6,327	3,008	1,964	1,821	1,336	154	p20,651
Mar. ..	p6,080	5,126	3,049	1,754	1,477	705	121	p18,312
June ..	p6,122	5,934	2,868	2,225	1,899	887	174	p20,109
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.								
1945-46	9,200	6,135	2,441	1,559	865	1,013	188	21,401
1946-47	14,737	11,680	3,627	2,654	1,521	1,557	368	36,144
1947-48	19,686	14,712	3,951	3,203	1,841	2,065	491	45,949
1948-49	23,113	15,921	3,958	3,940	2,439	2,575	696	52,642
1949-50	26,402	21,353	4,520	5,241	3,957	3,357	678	65,508
1950-51	p31,793	26,533	4,943	6,529	5,764	3,558	981	p80,101
1951-52	p32,884	25,793	5,140	7,395	6,917	3,143	708	p81,980
1949-50—June Qtr.	26,402	21,353	4,520	5,241	3,957	3,357	678	65,508
1950-51—Sept. ..	27,763	23,154	4,741	5,809	4,421	3,280	624	69,792
Dec. ..	28,133	24,327	4,405	5,892	4,537	3,447	606	71,347
Mar. ..	29,882	25,494	4,533	6,259	5,332	3,512	760	75,772
June ..	p31,793	26,533	4,943	6,529	5,764	3,558	981	p80,101
1951-52—Sept. ..	p33,130	27,300	5,488	6,875	6,522	3,584	927	p83,826
Dec. ..	p33,412	27,219	5,461	6,938	6,740	3,264	836	p83,870
Mar. ..	p33,224	27,159	5,331	7,411	7,091	3,346	808	p84,370
June ..	p32,884	25,793	5,140	7,395	6,917	3,143	708	p81,980

PRODUCTION OF COAL, ENERGY AND METALS.

Period.	Black Coal.			Brown Coal.	Gold, (Mine Production). (a)	Heat, Light and Power.		Metals.			
	Under-ground.	Open Cut.	Total.			Gas made in Gas-works.	Total Electricity Generated.	Pig-iron.	Ingot Steel.	Zinc, Refined.	Lead, Refined and Lead in Lead Bullion. (b)
	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.			Million cubic feet.	Million kwh.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Monthly Average—											
1936-37 ..	n.a.	n.a.	977	258	108.2	1,679	331	76.1	90.0	5,840	17,562
1937-38 ..	n.a.	n.a.	990	300	123.3	1,746	363	77.5	97.2	5,810	18,797
1938-39 ..	n.a.	n.a.	1,051	267	135.1	1,789	391	92.1	97.5	5,819	19,416
1945-46 ..	n.a.	n.a.	1,052	461	57.8	2,663	576	75.5	88.5	6,705	12,590
1946-47 ..	n.a.	n.a.	1,178	490	77.2	2,784	627	95.3	109.4	r5,852	14,693
1947-48 ..	n.a.	n.a.	1,231	535	75.5	3,025	697	103.0	112.1	r5,784	14,497
1948-49 ..	1,066	178	1,244	586	74.9	3,061	754	87.1	98.2	r6,298	17,017
1949-50 ..	1,039	204	1,243	636	71.6	2,908	792	91.5	101.5	r6,981	15,925
1950-51 p	1,124	245	1,369	608	74.3	r3,075	875	110.4	120.3	6,475	15,769
1951-52 p	1,244	354	1,598	675	76.0	3,354	942	119.1	127.4	7,001	15,801
Monthly Total—											
1950-51—											
August ..	1,334	271	1,605	707	82.2	3,380	952	120.6	128.0	7,498	17,359
September	1,238	249	1,487	621	76.6	3,206	881	122.2	138.9	7,244	16,042
October ..	1,295	234	1,529	565	78.1	3,159	878	138.3	136.0	7,098	16,294
November	1,318	201	1,519	443	73.6	3,016	842	118.8	134.2	5,977	9,364
December	966	209	1,175	443	78.1	2,859	806	107.4	120.8	5,689	16,128
January ..	621	176	797	571	92.5	2,756	815	86.8	94.9	6,702	15,926
February	932	221	1,153	558	62.7	2,519	799	86.8	99.6	6,484	14,287
March ..	1,065	248	1,313	642	71.5	2,792	854	99.4	109.6	6,222	17,686
April ..	1,184	259	1,443	628	75.0	3,052	872	115.5	132.1	5,720	16,577
May ..	1,184	342	1,526	703	74.5	3,408	927	111.6	118.6	5,873	17,148
June ..	1,218	266	1,484	697	66.8	3,513	923	107.0	117.9	5,688	15,993
1951-52 p—											
July ..	1,345	307	1,652	721	57.5	3,393	997	106.7	114.7	6,676	19,172
August ..	1,381	358	1,739	715	77.4	3,793	1,004	124.6	141.5	6,076	15,507
September	1,244	327	1,571	675	82.1	3,481	912	120.6	135.3	5,910	15,389
October ..	1,416	439	1,855	708	79.0	3,442	948	121.5	126.7	6,883	15,452
November	1,355	404	1,759	668	80.7	3,201	936	127.3	139.2	7,160	15,001
December	998	319	1,317	550	75.9	3,150	871	128.1	137.1	7,390	19,492
January ..	800	261	1,061	641	r69.1	3,004	884	129.8	140.1	7,296	r16,491
February	1,277	376	1,653	655	r75.8	2,992	905	119.4	128.6	6,844	r14,604
March ..	1,336	407	1,743	730	r72.8	3,212	r952	128.1	137.6	7,393	r14,427
April ..	r1,218	351	r1,569	r649	r80.1	3,203	914	119.8	118.2	7,429	r15,521
May ..	1,346	380	1,726	r701	r78.1	3,643	992	96.7	92.1	7,729	r17,904
June ..	r1,224	r313	r1,537	r684	r84.2	3,730	988	93.0	99.7	7,225	r10,523
1952-53 p—											
July ..	1,519	377	r1,896	728	r92.0	4,073	1,082	122.3	r147.2	7,269	r19,014
August ..	1,289	282	1,571	717	68.2			133.2	153.1	7,315	19,854
											1,633

(c) Gold content of minerals produced in Australia.

(b) Source Australian Mines and Metals Association.

PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES.

Period.	Building Materials.							Paints.		Cooking Stoves.			Domestic Refrigerators.	
	Clay Bricks.	Roofing Tiles.		Cement Building Sheets.	Sawn Native Timber. (a)	Portland Cement.	Fibrous Plaster Sheets.	Ready Mixed Paint.	Lacquers and Enamels.	Solid Fuel. (b)	Gas. (b)	Electric. (c)		
		Terra-cotta.	Cement.											
	Million.	'000.	'000.	'000 sq. yds. (d)	Million sup. ft.	'000 tons.	'000 sq. yds.	'000 gals.	'000 gals.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
Monthly Average														
1936-37..	53.1	2,630	326	522	53.6	60.0	567	161	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	
1937-38..	57.4	3,023	430	678	62.2	71.0	619	170	99	4,562	3,481	749	1,257	
1938-39..	60.0	3,307	374	791	59.8	72.3	634	176	96	4,538	3,894	730	2,458	
1945-46..	25.4	1,961	203	1,322	74.2	60.3	451	264	134	3,864	1,839	(e)688	3,384	
1946-47..	41.4	3,118	561	1,610	87.3	73.5	755	233	157	3,629	2,264	894	5,711	
1947-48..	48.2	3,483	1,689	1,641	93.1	84.4	977	291	190	4,438	3,309	2,532	9,362	
1948-49..	51.4	3,680	2,358	1,547	98.7	86.0	1,103	308	212	5,120	4,130	3,494	12,134	
1949-50..	50.3	3,785	3,387	1,529	101.9	97.3	1,105	330	264	5,155	3,892	2,865	13,528	
1950-51..	57.3	3,918	4,230	1,771	r105.1	102.9	1,265	467	257	r6,220	r4,716	r3,888	16,955	
1951-52p	56.9	4,128	r5,509	1,946	115.5	105.0	r1,303	427	275	6,042	4,411	4,351	15,926	
Monthly Total—														
1950-51—														
Aug. ..	64.3	3,984	4,517	1,830	r	99.6	105.4	1,405	442	277	7,024	4,563	4,313	17,874
Sept. ..	60.8	4,111	4,486	2,048	108.5	114.5	1,387	455	265	6,698	4,434	3,958	16,827	
Oct. ..	61.3	4,402	4,502	1,874	114.1	115.9	1,364	519	226	6,119	4,596	4,121	18,225	
Nov. ..	63.4	4,585	4,327	1,970	110.5	112.4	1,348	535	286	6,790	5,409	4,406	20,625	
Dec. ..	47.8	3,220	3,256	1,157	95.6	81.2	935	394	207	4,524	3,649	3,243	16,822	
Jan. ..	44.3	3,148	3,196	1,336	86.4	67.2	1,018	329	191	4,494	3,017	2,801	13,276	
Feb. ..	55.9	4,127	4,126	1,817	93.5	100.0	1,278	480	254	6,416	5,332	3,943	15,728	
March	55.7	3,965	4,159	1,674	99.4	102.9	1,236	506	254	6,231	5,177	4,609	16,774	
April ..	59.0	3,972	4,345	1,790	113.1	109.4	1,269	541	258	6,283	5,144	3,793	16,071	
May ..	64.4	4,156	4,922	2,024	124.5	120.0	1,330	496	304	7,248	6,322	4,325	17,802	
June ..	56.7	3,742	4,740	1,971	118.3	105.4	1,278	520	271	6,427	4,692	3,932	18,156	
1951-52p—					r	(f)	(f)	(f)r						
July ..	56.8	3,710	5,384	2,083	104.1	107.8	1,345	550	302	6,685	5,132	4,783	19,704	
Aug. ..	64.8	4,187	5,683	1,696	123.6	91.3	1,389	550	325	6,887	5,790	4,907	20,551	
Sept. ..	57.7	4,021	5,671	2,041	117.2	98.7	1,341	552	314	6,438	4,804	4,864	18,972	
Oct. ..	64.2	4,684	6,126	2,033	128.4	122.0	1,464	560	324	7,216	5,502	5,007	20,635	
Nov. ..	62.2	4,291	6,149	2,013	132.9	116.8	1,389	513	323	7,453	5,313	6,732	21,664	
Dec. ..	44.7	3,299	4,949	1,685	110.0	78.7	1,037	327	231	5,668	3,288	3,397	14,209	
Jan. ..	44.3	3,138	4,742	1,298	104.5	71.4	1,045	316	242	4,697	3,568	3,201	12,648	
Feb. ..	60.0	4,342	5,851	2,079	113.1	110.8	1,371	411	273	5,938	4,189	4,594	16,975	
March	58.1	4,364	5,619	2,234	116.3	117.1	1,369	367	274	5,750	4,155	4,460	12,566	
April ..	54.6	4,429	5,263	1,826	102.1	105.8	1,245	336	235	5,095	3,059	3,638	11,849	
May ..	61.0	4,526	5,558	2,324	r115.7	126.2	1,384	356	246	5,493	4,462	3,612	11,793	
June ..	53.9	4,541	5,117	2,034	118.3	113.6	1,255	290	209	5,189	3,673	3,016	9,550	
1952-53p—														
July ..	59.8	4,874	4,865	2,107		100.2	1,325	r272	220	6,037	2,762	2,409	r8,987	
Aug. ..	53.0	4,435	4,605			101.5	1,388	266	198	4,560	2,315	1,504	8,107	

(a) Includes sawn sleepers.

(b) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves to 1947-48—thereafter household cooking stoves only.

(c) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves, ranges, stovettes and cookers to 1944-45—thereafter household cooking stoves only.

(d) In terms of '000 standard square yards to 1944-45, thereafter in terms of '000 selling square yards. A standard square yard contains a given volume of sheet; a selling square yard represents the area covered by the finished sheet regardless of its thickness or corrugation.

(e) Average of six months' production.

(f) Partly estimated.

PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING.

Period.	Cotton Textiles.			Pure Rayon Fabrics.	Wool Textiles. Produced by Wool Scourers and Woollen Mills.			Boots and Shoes (not rubber).	Shirts (other than Knitted), Men's and Boys'.
	Cotton Yarn.	Cotton Woven Textiles (excl. Towels and Towelling).			Scoured Wool.(a)	Yarn.	Woven Cloth.		
	'000 lb.	'000 sq. yds.	'000 sq. yds.		Million lb.	Million lb.	Million sq. yds.	'000 pairs.	'000 doz.
Monthly Average—									
1936-37..	..	730	n.a.	n.a.	8.4	2.14	2.04	1,208	60.6
1937-38..	..	965	n.a.	n.a.	7.9	2.51	2.47	1,176	69.1
1938-39..	..	974	n.a.	n.a.	8.8	2.71	2.65	1,164	56.2
1945-46..	..	2,045	n.a.	n.a.	12.8	3.97	2.90	1,170	52.8
1946-47..	..	2,257	2,117	n.a.	15.3	4.13	3.18	1,306	58.3
1947-48..	..	2,368	1,960	369.2	14.8	4.28	3.42	1,351	65.8
1948-49..	..	2,290	2,133	475.5	13.5	4.23	3.40	1,287	71.3
1949-50..	..	2,519	2,397	548.5	14.4	4.09	3.09	1,284	73.7
1950-51 p	..	2,946	2,567	882.8	12.6	3.90	3.19	1,383	79.0
1951-52 p	..	2,916	2,795	834.9	9.9	r3.08	2.46	1,383	81.0
Monthly Total—									
1950-51 p—									
August	..	3,242	2,983	748.9	14.6	4.44	3.59	1,537	87.1
September	..	2,967	2,747	988.7	11.8	4.38	3.37	1,479	79.1
October	..	2,970	2,776	946.4	12.5	4.25	3.53	1,483	86.1
November	..	3,473	2,996	946.4	13.2	4.50	3.54	1,538	99.6
December	..	2,148	1,862	708.2	10.8	2.97	2.42	1,062	70.2
January	..	2,245	1,734	783.6	9.7	2.86	2.47	1,001	45.7
February	..	2,988	2,441	882.9	11.2	3.54	3.04	1,348	82.1
March	..	2,674	2,384	990.9	12.6	3.63	3.05	1,328	77.9
April	2,913	2,603	959.7	13.0	3.72	3.23	1,389	72.8
May	3,554	2,758	994.9	13.7	4.27	3.41	1,542	89.2
June	3,188	2,726	948.9	14.1	4.23	3.34	1,499	82.5
1951-52 p—									
July	3,441	2,972	1,192.9	11.5	4.09	3.09	1,545	90.1
August	3,487	3,192	1,280.8	10.5	4.43	3.22	1,622	107.2
September	..	3,192	2,874	982.4	8.7	4.14	3.17	1,506	87.5
October	..	3,583	3,138	1,062.6	10.7	4.36	3.16	1,636	106.2
November	..	3,524	3,047	1,049.7	10.4	3.69	2.85	1,564	107.2
December	..	2,373	2,084	558.0	8.1	2.35	1.93	1,042	80.2
January	..	2,279	2,183	789.0	8.7	2.08	1.81	988	54.6
February	..	2,862	2,949	947.1	9.8	r2.67	2.49	1,377	82.3
March	..	2,743	2,920	815.3	10.1	2.53	2.30	1,402	68.5
April	2,577	2,720	719.4	r9.2	1.97	1.77	1,220	64.5
May	2,426	2,730	799.5	10.6	2.35	1.93	1,388	65.6
June	2,504	2,733	768.1	10.6	2.30	1.74	1,306	58.8
1952-53 p—									
July	2,705	2,715	1,047.6	r10.1	2.28	1.73	1,475	
August	2,254	1,821	1,102.8	8.2	2.45	1.77	1,382	

(a) Includes carbonized wool.

PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING—continued.

Period.	Knitted Goods—Made in Knitting Mills.					
	Hosiery.			Knitted Underwear.		
	Men's and Boys'.	Women's, Maids' and Girls'.	Children's.	Men's.	Women's.(a)	Boys' and Girls'.
	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.
Monthly Average—						
1936-37	..	83.1	157.1	49.1		153.8
1937-38	..	86.7	183.7	52.0		178.5
1938-39	..	91.9	178.0	51.0		176.8
1945-46	..	95.7	99.6	45.4	41.5	91.2
1946-47	..	106.4	121.6	43.0	49.3	103.0
1947-48	..	105.4	130.6	59.8	52.3	110.7
1948-49	..	106.3	128.0	58.8	55.6	105.7
1949-50	..	96.6	142.4	54.7	71.9	103.4
1950-51 p	..	129.3	156.1	49.4	64.5	126.7
1951-52 p	..	r118.2	r152.5	43.2	64.6	127.0
Monthly Total—						
1950-51 p—						
August	..	143.2	170.3	62.4	74.3	122.8
September	..	130.8	160.9	53.0	63.7	130.6
October	..	146.8	172.8	58.3	67.3	136.6
November	..	143.1	172.0	55.2	69.5	151.9
December	..	105.9	124.5	38.5	51.4	115.4
January	..	89.7	100.9	32.2	47.1	86.9
February	..	124.5	158.3	45.7	59.5	125.7
March	..	118.7	152.1	49.0	56.9	106.6
April	..	142.9	161.6	46.7	66.6	139.1
May	..	149.6	174.7	52.5	76.0	144.2
June	..	139.1	174.5	49.0	74.9	139.2
1951-52 p—						
July..	..	150.3	183.1	54.1	78.5	144.1
August	..	157.9	185.0	59.5	89.8	156.5
September	..	145.4	173.6	49.0	79.2	149.0
October	..	163.5	197.6	57.4	91.3	168.7
November	..	132.9	169.5	49.3	77.0	156.7
December	..	102.8	121.8	35.6	54.0	106.5
January	..	69.8	106.3	36.5	44.1	83.0
February	..	109.1	143.8	36.0	56.5	131.6
March	..	99.2	133.2	36.7	54.8	118.4
April	..	85.0	116.1	31.0	50.0	104.8
May	..	r98.4	r145.5	36.2	49.3	106.7
June	..	103.6	154.7	37.0	50.5	98.4
1952-53 p—						
July	119.7	179.9	r29.8		
August	..	118.0	170.4	25.7		

(a) Excludes Women's and Girls' Nightwear.

PRODUCTION OF FOOD AND DRINK.

Period.	Wheaten Flour.	Refined Sugar.	Dairy Products (Factory Production).			Meat (Bone-in Weight). (a)						Beer.
			Butter.	Cheese.	Processed Milk Products. (b)	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	Bacon and Ham. (c)	Total. (d)	
	'000 Short Tons.	'000 Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 gals.
Monthly Average—												
1936-37	102.4	27.0	13,908	1,636	(e) 2,404	45.9	16.0	9.94	3.60	2.74	79.6	6,261
1937-38	104.2	28.9	15,242	2,018	(e) 2,620	49.7	17.2	9.92	3.23	2.62	84.0	7,084
1938-39	114.4	28.2	16,232	2,415	(e) 2,475	46.6	17.1	9.55	3.09	2.77	80.5	7,523
1945-46	101.6	35.7	12,131	3,414	6,606	33.9	16.5	7.74	2.93	4.05	67.1	9,033
1946-47	124.1	35.2	11,568	3,518	6,667	40.6	15.2	10.00	2.50	3.97	73.8	10,657
1947-48	133.2	36.3	13,132	3,453	7,691	46.8	13.8	10.80	2.28	3.83	78.9	10,561
1948-49	139.9	35.7	13,424	3,596	8,330	48.1	15.1	11.59	3.10	3.47	82.6	12,171
1949-50	125.8	35.2	14,037	3,731	9,353	50.5	17.2	12.69	2.91	3.38	87.9	13,009
1950-51	141.3	p37.9	13,303	3,692	p8,702	54.3	13.5	9.37	p2.85	p3.11	p84.2	14,397
1951-52p	140.6	41.6	10,959	3,369	8,626	48.7	14.3	8.82	2.93	2.86	78.6	15,400
Monthly Total—												
1950-51—	r	p			p				p	p	p	r
Aug. ..	149.2	42.8	10,355	3,020	7,045	58.1	12.2	8.41	2.39	3.01	85.2	14,068
Sept. ..	148.0	40.3	14,417	5,064	9,988	55.5	12.4	11.21	2.23	2.91	85.2	13,552
Oct. ..	144.6	38.7	19,897	6,975	13,246	52.0	12.8	16.20	2.28	2.96	87.3	14,738
Nov. ..	122.7	38.5	21,245	7,175	14,968	50.3	14.4	15.05	2.78	3.62	87.4	14,964
Dec. ..	119.6	36.2	20,629	6,175	13,622	46.9	14.9	14.13	3.79	4.23	85.5	15,011
Jan. ..	141.5	33.3	18,181	4,442	10,812	42.9	16.8	8.94	2.66	2.81	75.1	15,751
Feb. ..	133.4	34.0	13,791	2,783	8,252	47.3	16.2	7.23	3.05	2.86	77.6	13,747
March	139.5	38.1	12,619	2,612	7,082	52.8	14.2	6.59	3.38	3.05	81.1	14,557
April ..	139.9	37.2	8,841	1,635	5,133	57.8	13.4	6.49	3.10	2.98	84.8	14,496
May ..	155.4	40.3	6,584	1,325	4,810	67.4	12.1	6.29	3.24	3.37	93.6	15,443
June ..	155.8	37.6	5,734	1,442	4,882	62.6	10.2	5.12	2.67	2.89	84.5	13,762
1951-52p—												
July ..	168.2	39.6	7,017	2,131	5,221	62.6	10.3	4.57	2.66	3.09	84.3	14,703
Aug. ..	156.9	45.2	9,135	3,042	r7,349	63.1	10.8	6.06	2.82	3.13	87.0	15,351
Sept. ..	145.9	43.2	11,541	4,653	10,677	52.4	11.0	7.75	2.68	2.62	77.4	14,318
Oct. ..	147.2	44.9	16,797	6,269	14,639	45.6	12.6	12.86	2.59	3.02	77.6	16,003
Nov. ..	143.2	43.8	16,103	6,082	14,766	44.5	16.0	15.47	2.96	3.55	83.8	15,989
Dec. ..	125.9	35.6	13,939	5,133	12,791	38.8	16.6	11.86	3.41	3.32	75.1	15,499
Jan. ..	145.1	40.1	12,381	3,698	10,003	40.6	17.4	9.73	2.80	2.37	73.7	17,179
Feb. ..	136.9	45.2	9,536	2,430	7,012	45.2	18.3	8.35	3.29	2.61	78.6	16,240
March	134.7	43.4	10,225	2,156	6,563	42.2	16.0	7.72	3.19	2.65	72.7	16,460
April ..	114.0	36.5	9,149	1,676	5,742	40.5	13.6	7.44	3.35	2.68	68.4	15,184
May ..	139.3	42.3	8,228	1,562	4,590	52.3	14.6	6.99	3.16	2.74	80.8	14,832
June ..	129.8	39.3	7,451	1,601	4,159	57.1	13.9	7.06	2.22	2.60	83.8	13,037
1952-53p—												
July ..	138.2		7,857	2,226	4,423	59.8	14.7	7.92	2.33	2.89	88.6	15,355
Aug. ..	139.3		10,317	3,620	6,825	52.9	14.8	9.02	2.24	2.64	82.6	15,180

(a) Includes monthly estimates of production in Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.
 (b) Excludes casein and sterilized cream.
 (c) Cured weight.
 (d) In terms of fresh meat.
 (e) Incomplete.

PRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS.

Period.	Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes. (a)	Sulphuric Acid (100%).	Super- phosphate.	Motor Bodies.			Pneumatic Tyres— Motor Cycle, Car, Truck, Aero, &c.
				Sedans and Coupes.	Tourers and Roadsters.	Utilities.	
	'000 lb.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	No.	No.	No.	'000.
Monthly Average—							
1936-37 ..	1,805	36.4	90.9	3,660	478	610	n.a.
1937-38 ..	1,904	41.3	102.8	4,032	804	518	n.a.
1938-39 ..	1,939	40.8	100.0	3,426	816	715	n.a.
1945-46 ..	2,208	33.7	92.1	68	163	165	94
1946-47 ..	2,534	38.3	97.5	1,199	496	528	141
1947-48 ..	2,502	40.4	98.8	1,874	536	786	142
1948-49 ..	2,427	48.8	118.6	2,131	487	798	143
1949-50 ..	2,558	51.0	123.6	2,347	333	1,174	164
1950-51 p ..	r2,652	53.3	129.0	3,040	376	1,835	187
1951-52 p ..	2,684	r54.3	133.1	3,487	436	r1,807	213
Monthly Total—							
1950-51 p—	r						
August ..	2,596	58.3	148.4	3,478	430	1,685	219
September ..	2,596	47.1	113.6	3,545	377	1,940	203
October ..	2,590	48.5	104.0	3,116	302	1,892	201
November ..	2,548	55.1	134.0	3,288	427	1,878	215
December ..	2,845	48.6	105.1	2,638	269	1,572	126
January ..	2,179	55.2	144.1	2,219	235	1,593	126
February ..	2,810	48.1	117.6	2,922	286	1,774	173
March ..	2,704	52.7	124.1	2,698	315	1,805	185
April ..	2,748	53.2	130.9	2,830	335	2,106	190
May ..	3,003	60.9	160.3	3,071	389	1,923	210
June ..	2,537	59.2	142.6	3,308	501	2,140	195
1951-52 p—							
July ..	2,741	55.5	123.5	3,397	909	2,032	201
August ..	2,976	57.0	151.9	3,933	634	2,040	224
September ..	3,989	47.5	113.3	3,385	(b)	2,190	212
October ..	1,382	r54.4	137.5	3,664	(b)	2,208	207
November ..	3,095	51.4	124.2	3,682	(b)	1,888	247
December ..	2,394	54.6	118.7	2,797	(b)	1,477	162
January ..	2,410	58.8	150.7	2,203	(b)	1,505	175
February ..	2,550	49.6	128.7	3,804	(b)	1,832	228
March ..	2,949	r57.7	136.6	3,529	(b)	1,626	245
April ..	2,597	61.1	152.1	3,463	178	1,397	208
May ..	2,864	r54.1	127.1	4,130	(b)	1,852	244
June ..	2,260	49.8	132.7	3,857	(b)	1,641	203
1952-53 p—							
July ..	2,933	49.6	123.4	(b)	(b)	1,592	214
August ..	2,840	47.6	115.8	(b)	(b)	1,531	160

(a) Details for 1950-51 and earlier periods refer to Australian factory production; 1951-52 and later figures to quantity on which excise duty was paid. (b) Not available for publication.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEXES: VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Unless otherwise stated, the indexes shown below include mining, manufacturing, electricity and manufactured gas, but exclude construction. When the indexes are adjusted for differences in the number of working days per month or for seasonal variations they are footnoted accordingly.

Source: *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* of the Statistical Office of the United Nations.
(Base: 1948 = 100.)

Period.	Belgium. (a)	Canada. (a)	Denmark. (b)	France. (b)	Italy.	Japan.	Nether- lands.	Norway. (b) (c)	Sweden. (b)	United King- dom. (d)	U.S.A. (b) (e)
1937 ..	102	60	n.a.	98	n.a.	192	88	80	67	91	59
1938 ..	82	56	n.a.	90	101	210	89	80	67	86	46
1939 ..	87	60	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	98	85	73	n.a.	57
1945 ..	n.a.	97	n.a.	38	n.a.	n.a.	27	55	75	n.a.	106
1946 ..	73	88	n.a.	71	n.a.	n.a.	65	80	91	n.a.	89
1947 ..	93	97	n.a.	86	96	n.a.	83	92	94	n.a.	97
1948 ..	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1949 ..	100	102	107	110	110	129	112	106	104	106	92
1950 ..	102	109	118	111	127	152	123	113	108	114	104
1951 ..	117	117	121	125	144	200	128	119	112	117	115
1950—											
August ..	96	105	120	90	106	n.a.	125	107	105	n.a.	110
September ..	110	113	128	113	133	n.a.	133	114	110	n.a.	112
October ..	114	116	127	119	141	n.a.	139	119	114	n.a.	115
November ..	114	116	127	123	136	n.a.	135	120	115	n.a.	112
December ..	110	115	122	120	138	n.a.	124	118	112	n.a.	112
1951—											
January ..	112	116	124	123	142	172	129	118	109	n.a.	112
February ..	115	118	126	126	137	174	125	133	113	n.a.	113
March ..	120	120	130	123	150	199	139	122	117	n.a.	114
April ..	121	120	128	128	146	202	131	122	118	122	116
May ..	123	123	126	131	151	206	128	130	117	116	116
June ..	121	121	121	130	146	205	127	123	116	122	116
July ..	108	115	90	120	151	205	119	84	80	111	111
August ..	114	113	115	101	122	199	124	113	108	104	115
September ..	117	115	124	123	148	198	126	123	115	121	116
October ..	119	117	124	129	154	195	139	122	116	121	116
November ..	121	114	125	133	144	204	135	121	118	123	115
December ..	117	110	116	131	141	214	120	116	116	113	113
1952—											
January ..	116	113	114	r136	146	197	130	121	111	r118	113
February ..	116	114	118	137	r139	200	r123	131	113	120	114
March ..	115	116	121	137	144	212	127	122	115	123	113
April ..	115	118	118	136	143	210	124	122	r117	109	112
May ..	r115	r120	119	132	153	r216	127	127	r116	r116	110
June ..	113	r121	r117	132		r212	r119	123	r115	r111	r107
July ..		116	84			215	126	80	74	102	r102
August ..											114

(a) Adjusted for seasonal variations and for number of working days. (b) Adjusted for number of working days.
(c) Excluding electricity. (d) Partially adjusted for number of working days. Including construction. (e) Excluding electricity and manufactured gas.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excludes Defence Service Vehicles.)

Period.	Motor Vehicles on Register at end of period.			New Motor Vehicles Registered during period.(a)		
	Motor Cars	Commercial Vehicles, &c	Motor Cycles.	Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, &c.	Motor Cycles.
	'000.	'000.	'000.	Monthly Averages.		
1936-37 ..	499	214	78	4,049	2,016	623
1937-38 ..	535	242	80	4,594	2,283	694
1938-39(a) ..	562	258	79	4,509	2,077	614
1945-46 ..	523	333	73	177	724	163
1946-47 ..	550	376	87	1,770	1,360	685
1947-48 ..	593	414	100	3,562	2,397	1,192
1948-49 ..	655	452	117	5,539	3,056	1,852
1949-50 ..	768	502	134	9,584	4,829	2,232
1950-51 ..	883	551	146	10,639	6,494	2,263
1951-52 ..	1,032	583	155	10,443	6,122	1,846
	Monthly Totals.					
1950-51—						
September ..	800	511	135	11,814	7,186	2,076
October ..	811	515	137	11,940	7,529	2,380
November ..	822	523	138	11,848	7,978	2,470
December ..	831	528	138	9,926	6,008	1,975
January ..	839	529	139	7,742	5,021	2,044
February ..	849	535	141	10,096	5,877	2,197
March ..	858	540	142	10,019	6,379	3,113
April ..	869	545	144	9,742	5,942	2,620
May ..	875	548	145	10,641	6,463	2,405
June ..	883	551	146	8,542	5,604	1,954
1951-52—						
July ..	895	557	146	10,691	7,019	2,188
August ..	912	567	148	13,556	9,441	2,735
September ..	921	571	149	10,795	6,347	2,397
October ..	934	576	151	12,145	6,537	2,500
November ..	944	579	152	11,866	6,835	2,187
December ..	956	579	153	9,879	5,406	1,789
January ..	970	580	153	8,160	4,577	1,567
February ..	986	582	154	9,637	5,301	1,574
March ..	995	581	154	10,996	5,879	1,774
April ..	1,005	581	154	10,152	5,407	1,381
May ..	1,021	583	154	9,670	5,643	1,163
June ..	1,032	583	155	7,772	5,069	900
1952-53—						
July ..	1,044	582	154	7,634	4,737	941
August ..	1,043	574	152	6,598	4,014	918
September ..	..			7,100(b)	4,100(b)	

(a) Excludes Northern Territory; also extra-Metropolitan area of Western Australia prior to 1938-39.

(b) Estimated.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS: FREIGHT, PASSENGERS AND REVENUE.

The following table shows statistics of freight and passengers carried and of revenue earned on the five Mainland State Railways to the end of June, 1947. From July, 1947, particulars relate to all State and Commonwealth Railway Systems.

The daily average number of passenger-journeys is obtained by dividing the monthly totals by the *total* number of days in the month.

Period.	Freight Carried.		Passenger-journeys.	Gross Revenue.	Net Revenue.
	Net Ton miles.	Average haul per ton.			
1936-37	Daily Average. '000. 12,820	Miles. 125.9	Daily Average. '000. 1,028	Per Month. £'000. 3,407	Per Month. £'000. 886
1937-38	13,976	125.0	1,048	3,632	886
1938-39	13,085	127.0	1,048	3,580	694
	(a)	(a)			
1944-45	18,389	150.0	1,457	5,869	1,056
1945-46	16,893	147.1	1,485	5,576	823
1946-47	17,406	148.4	1,368	5,303	427
1947-48	(b) 18,510	(b) 144.4	1,395	6,376	443
1948-49	(b) 19,317	(b) 146.2	1,381	7,174	89
1949-50	(b) 19,181	(b) 148.8	1,377	7,702	— 184
1950-51	(b) 19,462	(b) 148.6	1,300	8,834	— 569
1950-51—	(b)	(b)			(c)
May	20,534	145.8	1,356	10,234	— 1,279
June	20,996	153.2	1,186	10,761	— 1,279
1951-52—					
July	21,521	143.7	1,426	10,129	— 488
August	21,906	141.9	1,294	10,697	— 523
September	22,284	147.7	1,378	10,037	— 855
October	21,325	146.0	1,311	11,438	147
November	21,833	148.5	1,354	12,635	387
December	20,374	160.5	1,373	11,701	372
January	17,812	143.3	1,338	12,167	493
February	20,544	142.2	1,400	12,420	619
March	19,914	137.4	1,438	12,168	— 291
April	18,071	135.8	1,335	11,684	— 776
May	19,423	138.3	1,334	12,968	— 2,461

(a) Excludes Uniform Gauge Railway. (b) Excludes Tasmania. (c) These figures do not present satisfactory monthly comparisons, because of the periodical inclusion in expenditure of amounts to be set aside for special purposes. Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

MAINLAND STATE RAILWAYS: GROSS REVENUE.(a)

(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Total.
1950-51	49,382	20,587	18,876	(b) 7,160	6,971	102,976
1951-52	68,108	26,130	22,407	(b) 9,418	9,216	135,279
July-August, 1951-52	8,384	3,426	3,888	(b) 1,408	1,599	18,705
July-August, 1952-53	10,787	3,794	4,219		978	

(a) From monthly statements issued by each Treasury. These figures are on a cash basis and differ slightly from the corresponding figures in the table above, which are on an income and expenditure basis. (b) Excludes Treasury transfers—1950-51, £2,600,000; 1951-52, £5,050,000; July-August, 1951-52, £433,000.

INTERSTATE SHIPPING CARGOES.

('000.)

Period.	Tons (weight and measurement combined) shipped from—						
	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia. (a)
Monthly							
Average							
1936-37 ..	284	92	39	184	8	68	675
1937-38 ..	309	101	37	212	8	75	742
1938-39 ..	284	94	39	241	10	78	746
1945-46(b) ..	264	70	44	158	26	56	618
1946-47 ..	283	72	46	234	17	55	707
1947-48 ..	293	64	46	216	14	58	692
1948-49 ..	287	59	43	167	11	50	617
1949-50 ..	258	58	40	215	12	51	635
1950-51 ..	259	57	46	242	12	55	671
1951-52 ..	312	62	54	256	17	50	752
Monthly Total—							
1950-51—							
August ..	320	81	42	280	19	65	807
September ..	341	50	58	287	12	65	813
October ..	292	72	45	217	4	46	676
November ..	298	40	65	210	24	48	685
December ..	285	53	43	214	7	41	643
January ..	156	57	35	250	10	46	554
February ..	171	43	45	206	10	52	527
March ..	219	49	27	249	13	48	605
April ..	263	56	58	212	9	50	648
May ..	296	64	54	285	5	67	771
June ..	244	72	45	222	16	59	658
1951-52—							
July ..	319	69	39	254	27	31	740
August ..	392	67	48	258	14	64	844
September ..	326	49	65	264	20	70	795
October ..	326	89	67	260	10	36	789
November ..	346	62	70	253	21	40	792
December ..	253	56	49	257	5	47	667
January ..	296	54	61	265	20	58	754
February ..	287	59	69	244	14	57	731
March ..	292	64	58	280	6	64	764
April ..	274	45	33	245	12	44	653
May ..	338	62	58	263	22	48	791
June ..	292	66	36	226	37	44	701
1952-53—							
July ..	378	55	94	287	26	65	905
August p ..	369	63	83	335	16	58	925

(a) Includes Northern Territory.

(b) Excludes cargo from vessels engaged exclusively in the transport of troops, war equipment and supplies.

OVERSEA SHIPPING CARGOES.

('000.)

Period.	Discharged.			Shipped.		
	Tons	Weight.	Tons Measure.	Total (Tons W and M).	Tons	Weight.
						Tons Measure. (Tons W and M).
Monthly Average—						
1936-37 ..	304	169	473	419	78	497
1937-38 ..	364	190	554	478	91	569
1938-39 ..	350	183	533	428	91	519
1945-46(a)	384	139	523	202	121	323
1946-47 ..	348	116	464	259	112	371
1947-48 ..	415	160	575	374	104	478
1948-49 ..	488	214	702	452	114	566
1949-50 ..	641	298	939	422	116	538
1950-51 ..	757	333	1,090	450	108	558
1951-52 ..	810	391	1,201	374	103	477
Monthly Total—						
1950-51—						
August ..	852	353	1,205	479	95	574
September ..	766	310	1,076	537	122	659
October ..	721	308	1,029	440	109	549
November ..	725	315	1,040	388	113	501
December ..	680	319	999	405	116	521
January ..	868	400	1,268	455	71	526
February ..	687	352	1,039	417	74	491
March ..	772	322	1,094	511	105	616
April ..	664	358	1,022	448	134	582
May ..	809	312	1,121	462	142	604
June ..	762	297	1,059	505	112	617
1951-52—						
July ..	740	287	1,027	450	108	558
August ..	898	395	1,293	458	73	531
September ..	818	437	1,255	383	75	458
October ..	868	464	1,332	414	102	516
November ..	838	417	1,255	375	110	485
December ..	751	421	1,172	261	81	342
January ..	906	530	1,436	319	76	395
February ..	741	446	1,187	376	76	452
March ..	823	436	1,259	386	134	520
April ..	783	407	1,190	399	126	525
May ..	816	255	1,071	345	130	475
June ..	744	196	940	322	139	461
1952-53—						
July ..	727	169	896	402	119	521
August ..	718	170	888	370	105	475

(a) Excludes cargo from vessels engaged exclusively in the transport of troops, war equipment and supplies.

POST OFFICE ACTIVITY.

Period.	Receipts of P.M.G.'s Department.(a)	Broadcast Listeners' Licences in force at end of period.(b)	Telephone Services connected at end of period.	
			Lines.	Instruments.
	£'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.
Monthly Averages.				
1936-37	1,318	938	440	595
1937-38	1,396	1,056	465	630
1938-39	1,447	1,130	488	662
1945-46	2,371	1,506	607	856
1946-47	2,484	1,771	648	905
1947-48	2,616	1,833	688	963
1948-49	2,776	1,919	734	1,028
1949-50	3,196	2,030	793	1,110
1950-51	3,732	(c)2,110	864	1,209
1951-52	4,948	1,961	927	1,301
Monthly Totals.				
1950-51—				
September	3,276	2,029	810	1,134
October	3,605	2,047	817	1,143
November	3,563	2,057	823	1,151
December	3,997	2,064	828	1,158
January	3,574	2,068	833	1,167
February	3,710	2,075	839	1,174
March	3,695	2,075	844	1,182
April	4,099	2,086	851	1,191
May	4,361	2,092	858	1,200
June	4,284	2,110	864	1,209
1951-52—				
July	4,346	2,228	870	1,218
August	4,555	2,246	877	1,228
September	4,090	2,257	883	1,236
October	5,203	2,247	889	1,245
November	4,775	2,241	894	1,253
December	5,309	(c)2,245	899	1,259
January	4,840	1,986	904	1,266
February	5,023	1,991	909	1,274
March	4,940	1,985	914	1,280
April	4,834	1,981	918	1,287
May	5,798	1,973	923	1,294
June	5,657	1,961	927	1,301
1952-53—				
July	5,334	1,900	932	1,308
August	5,121	1,898	937	1,315
September	5,382	1,904	942	1,323

(a) Actual collections. (b) Includes Papua. (c) During the period July, 1942, to December, 1951, supplementary licences for receivers in excess of one are included.

WHOLESALE TRADE.

An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, and exclude sales of vendors trading only in exempt goods. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degree. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustments to be made to the crude figures on this account. Monthly totals are compiled on a basis comparable with the monthly averages for preceding years.

(£ million.)

Period.	Net Sales Recorded under Sales Tax Acts.(a)										
	Taxable Goods.	Exempt Goods.	Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.								
Monthly Averages. Totals complete.											
1936-37	..	..	..	..	..	..	15.4	21.8	37.2		
1937-38	..	..	..	..	..	..	16.9	23.6	40.5		
1938-39	..	..	..	..	..	..	16.4	23.4	39.8		
1944-45	..	..	..	..	..	..	19.3	33.0	52.3		
1945-46	..	..	..	..	..	..	22.3	33.4	55.7		
1946-47	..	..	..	..	..	..	24.6	42.2	66.8		
1947-48	..	..	..	..	..	..	26.2	53.3	79.5		
1948-49	..	..	..	..	..	..	30.3	63.1	93.4		
1949-50	..	..	..	..	..	..	38.0	72.2	110.2		
1950-51	..	..	..	..	..	..	45.6	94.9	140.5		
Taxable Sales—Rates.											
	8½%	10%	12½%	20%	25%	33½%	50%	66⅔%			
1950-51—											
April ..	38.5	6.0	..	..	1.0	2.8	..	..	48.3	106.4	154.7
May ..	41.3	6.3	..	..	1.2	2.9	..	..	51.7	107.5	159.2
June ..	39.9	4.1	..	..	1.1	2.4	..	..	47.5	112.5	160.0
1951-52—											
July ..	41.8	7.5	..	..	1.3	3.2	..	..	53.8	108.3	162.1
August ..	45.7	7.9	..	..	1.4	4.0	..	..	59.0	113.6	172.6
September ..	46.6	8.8	2.1	0.8	1.7	3.3	..	..	63.3	108.8	172.1
October ..	..	..	36.6	9.0	0.2	3.4	0.6	0.5	50.3	117.8	168.1
November ..	..	..	39.9	11.1	0.2	3.9	0.7	0.8	56.6	121.1	177.7
December ..	..	..	36.1	9.3	0.2	3.2	0.5	0.7	50.0	103.3	153.3
January ..	..	..	33.6	8.3	0.2	2.2	0.5	0.4	45.2	100.5	145.7
February ..	..	..	37.8	8.5	0.2	2.6	0.6	0.5	48.4	110.8	159.2
March p ..	..	..	38.0	11.4	0.2	3.1	0.6	0.6	53.9	103.5	157.4
April p ..	..	..	38.5	10.5	0.2	3.1	0.8	0.7	53.8	114.0	167.8

(a) The rates of tax per cent. were 5 from 22.9.38; 6 from 9.9.39; 8½ from 3.5.40; 5, 10 and 15 on different classes of goods from 22.11.40; 5, 10 and 20 from 30.10.41; 12½ and 25 from 1.5.42; 10 and 25 from 15.11.46; 8½ and 25 from 8.9.49; 8½, 10, 25 and 33½ from 13.10.50; 12½, 20, 25, 33½, 50 and 66⅔ from 27.9.51; 12½, 20, 33½ and 50 from 7.8.52. From 21.7.43, rationed clothing, &c., were reduced to 7½ per cent. and was exempted from 15.11.46. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold in Australia, including imports, are taxable. The list of exemptions was extended as from 13.12.38; 26.9.39; and restricted as from 3.6.40; 22.11.40; 30.10.41. As from 1.5.42, 3.7.43, 21.7.43, 8.9.44 there was a partial restoration of former exemptions. As from 13.9.45, 10.4.46, 15.11.46, 20.9.47, 9.9.48, 8.9.49, 13.10.50, and 27.8.51, further former exemptions were restored and additional exemptions granted.

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES(a) : STATES.

The figures in the tables below relate to the retail sales of goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, &c.) by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards) and include the retail sales of establishments principally engaged in wholesale, manufacturing or servicing activities.

(£ million.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Total. (b).
Quarterly Average—							
1947-48 ..	96.3	67.6	32.6	20.1	16.3	7.5	240.4
1948-49 ..	114.6	80.0	38.6	24.5	19.8	8.8	286.3
1949-50 ..	133.3	96.9	45.8	30.3	24.2	10.3	340.8
1950-51 ..	167.2	118.8	56.5	37.2	29.7	12.9	422.3
1951-52 ..	188.7	135.2	64.0	43.8	35.3	15.5	482.5
Quarterly Total—							
1950-51—							
December Qtr.	171.3	122.6	58.3	37.6	30.5	13.3	433.6
March ..	164.1	117.1	55.8	36.9	29.9	12.7	416.5
June ..	181.2	127.6	60.2	41.0	31.9	14.1	456.0
1951-52—							
September ..	182.3	126.8	62.7	41.0	32.3	14.4	459.5
December ..	206.4	147.2	69.2	46.0	37.2	16.5	522.5
March ..	180.7	132.9	61.4	44.0	35.3	15.4	469.7
June ..	185.3	133.9	62.8	44.3	36.3	15.5	478.1
1952-53—							
September .. p	176.7	126.3	62.7	40.6	34.0	15.1	455.4

(a) Includes retail sales of Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, &c.

(b) Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES IN AUSTRALIA(a) : COMMODITY GROUPS.

(£ million.)

Period.	Groceries.	Butcher's Meat.	Other Food. (b)	Beer, Wine and Spirits.	Clothing, Drapery, Piece Goods and Footwear.	Hardware.	Electrical Goods.	Furniture.	Other Goods.	Total (Excluding Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, &c.)	Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, &c.	Total.
Quarterly Average—												
1947-48 ..	41.9		39.4	(c)	49.8	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	211.0	29.4	240.4
1948-49 ..	35.9	16.3	29.1	23.8	59.5	18.1	8.5	11.6	42.0	244.8	41.5	286.3
1949-50 ..	40.1	18.6	32.9	26.1	65.4		44.4		49.5	277.0	63.8	340.8
1950-51 ..	46.2	22.3	38.9	30.4	80.7		60.7		59.4	338.6	83.7	422.3
1951-52 ..	57.4	28.3	47.1	37.7	85.7	32.0	16.5	18.1	70.3	393.1	89.4	482.5
Quarterly Total—												
1950-51—												
Dec. Qtr. ..	46.8	21.2	39.0	32.0	83.9		62.5		64.4	349.8	83.8	433.6
Mar. ..	45.9	22.4	40.6	32.1	76.6		60.1		57.7	335.4	81.1	416.5
June ..	49.4	25.3	40.3	31.0	90.8		67.3		62.5	366.6	89.4	456.0
1951-52—												
Sept. ..	52.5	26.7	43.3	31.6	81.7	31.1	17.8	19.8	65.8	370.3	89.2	459.5
Dec. ..	59.1	28.2	49.0	41.1	95.4	34.9	19.1	19.5	80.2	426.5	96.0	522.5
Mar. ..	57.2	28.7	48.7	40.3	75.8	30.8	15.3	16.4	67.5	380.7	89.0	469.7
June ..	60.9	29.6	47.5	37.8	89.8	31.2	13.9	16.6	67.5	394.8	83.3	478.1
1952-53—												
Sept. .. p	61.7	29.9	48.1	37.0	77.5	30.7	13.9	16.2	67.2	382.2	73.2	455.4

(a) Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.

Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish, &c., but excludes most delivered Milk and some delivered Bread.

(b) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks,

(c) Comparable commodity dissections for 1947-48 not collected.

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA. (£ million.)

Period.	Deposits.(b)			Advances.	Government and Municipal Securities. (c)	Special Accounts with Commonwealth Bank.	Cash.	Treasury Bills.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.					
Average of Weekly Figures—								
1936-37..	..	184.7	112.9	297.6	262.5	15.0	..	34.2
1937-38..	..	194.8	120.0	314.8	274.4	21.4	..	37.1
1938-39..	..	198.8	118.9	317.7	288.1	20.5	..	33.6
1945-46..	..	220.4	386.0	606.4	(d) 212.2	115.3	238.1	38.5
1946-47..	..	206.9	429.7	636.6	261.1	95.0	265.0	37.9
1947-48..	..	201.9	471.6	673.5	329.9	65.6	262.3	44.4
1948-49..	..	211.3	565.1	776.4	368.6	61.5	322.7	48.0
1949-50..	..	224.5	685.6	910.1	403.9	83.8	377.0	52.0
1950-51..	..	247.7	896.5	1,144.2	479.3	90.2	500.3	59.3
1951-52..	..	238.2	963.5	1,201.7	621.4	68.4	466.0	60.6
1950-51—								
September	..	244.0	758.3	1,002.3	449.2	92.9	448.5	60.0
October	..	248.7	808.4	1,057.1	465.0	84.6	458.8	58.1
November	..	250.0	846.5	1,096.5	476.5	80.7	480.3	57.0
December(e)	..	247.1	886.4	1,133.5	490.5	83.7	486.0	62.1
January	..	249.2	909.9	1,159.1	482.0	85.9	498.5	64.8
February	..	247.3	950.9	1,198.2	495.3	92.4	523.1	60.8
March	..	246.2	1,038.9	1,285.1	507.2	92.6	532.5	70.7
April	248.1	1,048.9	1,297.0	502.3	88.1	557.5	69.3
May	251.9	1,039.9	1,291.8	496.9	93.4	575.5	59.5
June	250.1	987.6	1,237.7	509.5	93.0	569.6	50.5
1951-52—								
July	252.1	952.2	1,204.3	527.6	91.1	537.8	55.1
August	249.3	941.3	1,190.6	541.6	81.5	523.0	56.3
September	..	247.4	929.9	1,177.3	568.5	75.8	519.1	54.5
October	..	242.2	937.0	1,179.2	593.8	68.2	509.8	56.1
November	..	240.2	950.5	1,190.7	620.7	63.2	494.5	61.9
December (e)	..	240.2	1,002.2	1,242.4	624.8	61.9	483.9	69.2
January	..	236.9	981.4	1,218.3	638.6	59.0	483.6	67.7
February	..	236.5	992.0	1,228.5	654.6	62.0	458.5	64.4
March	..	234.9	1,006.4	1,241.3	664.1	67.6	436.5	64.4
April	232.2	1,014.4	1,246.6	667.9	64.1	427.5	64.2
May	224.8	957.2	1,182.0	675.6	62.5	398.9	53.7
June	220.5	902.4	1,122.9	691.2	62.6	303.3	61.2
1952-53—								
July	215.1	857.0	1,072.1	699.3	65.3	215.5	65.2
August	214.8	844.7	1,059.5	690.4	65.5	190.5	68.4
September	214.7	839.4	1,054.1	682.0	65.6	185.7	66.7
								69.3

(a) Previously Nine Trading Banks. These have been reduced to seven by amalgamations. Australia and New Zealand Bank Ltd., Bank of Adelaide, Bank of New South Wales, Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd., Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd., English, Scottish and Australian Bank Ltd., National Bank of Australasia Ltd., and Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in voluntary liquidation). Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays in period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays. (b) Excludes inscribed deposit stock. (c) Excludes Treasury Bills. (d) Figures for this and following periods are not strictly comparable with those for previous periods owing to exclusion from advances of bills receivable and minor miscellaneous assets. (e) Averages based on first three Wednesdays only.

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)—continued.

RATIOS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS (b) WITHIN AUSTRALIA. (Per Cent.)

Period.	Percentages of various categories of assets to total deposits.					Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits.
	Cash in Australia.	Cash + Treasury Bills.	Advances.	Advances + Government and Municipal Securities in Australia.(c)	Special Accounts with Com- monwealth Bank.	
Average of Weekly Figures—						
1936-37	11.49	19.73	88.20	93.26	.. 37.93
1937-38	11.79	18.37	87.15	93.95	.. 38.13
1938-39	10.58	17.36	90.70	97.15	.. 37.42
1945-46	6.34	16.20	(d)34.99	(d)54.00	39.27 63.65
1946-47	5.96	10.02	41.02	55.95	41.63 67.51
1947-48	6.59	9.28	48.98	58.72	38.94 70.02
1948-49	6.18	9.03	47.47	55.39	41.56 72.79
1949-50	5.71	8.62	44.35	53.55	41.40 75.28
1950-51	5.19	8.41	41.89	49.69	43.73 78.35
1951-52	5.04	7.74	51.71	57.40	38.78 80.18
1950-51—						
September	5.99	7.84	44.81	54.08	44.74 75.66
October	5.50	8.30	43.99	51.99	43.40 76.47
November	5.20	8.26	43.46	50.82	43.80 77.20
December(e)	5.48	8.72	43.25	50.63	42.87 78.20
January	5.58	9.18	41.59	49.00	43.01 78.50
February	5.07	8.60	41.34	49.06	43.66 79.36
March	5.50	9.99	39.47	46.67	41.43 80.84
April	5.34	9.73	38.73	45.52	42.98 80.87
May	4.60	8.80	38.47	45.70	44.55 80.50
June	4.08	6.73	41.16	48.67	46.02 79.79
1951-52—						
July	4.58	6.64	43.81	51.38	44.65 79.07
August	4.73	7.71	45.49	52.34	43.93 79.06
September	4.63	7.48	48.29	54.73	44.09 78.98
October	4.76	6.75	50.36	56.14	43.24 79.46
November	5.20	6.82	52.13	57.44	41.53 79.83
December (e)	5.57	8.47	50.29	55.28	38.95 80.67
January	5.23	7.99	52.42	57.26	39.70 80.55
February	5.24	7.78	53.28	58.33	37.32 80.75
March	5.18	8.23	53.50	58.94	35.16 81.08
April	5.15	8.33	53.58	58.72	34.29 81.37
May	4.54	7.80	57.16	62.45	33.75 80.98
June	5.45	8.63	61.56	67.14	27.01 80.36
1952-53—						
July	6.08	10.40	65.23	71.32	20.10 79.94
August	6.46	12.08	65.16	71.34	17.98 79.73
September	6.33	12.90	64.70	70.91	17.62 79.63

(a) See footnote (a) on previous page. (b) Deposits exclude inscribed deposit stock. (c) Excludes Treasury Bills, (d) Figures for this and following periods are not strictly comparable with those for previous periods owing to exclusion from advances of bills receivable and minor miscellaneous assets. (e) Averages based on first three Wednesdays only.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

(General Banking Division.)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.(a)

(£ million.)

Period.	Deposits.			Advances.	Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank.	Treasury Bills.	Other Australian Government and Municipal Securities.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.				
Average of Weekly Figures							
1945-46(b) ..	21.1	35.3	56.4	17.8	7.3	4.2	33.6
1946-47 ..	17.6	40.7	58.3	20.4	6.6	1.9	34.3
1947-48 ..	13.9	43.7	57.6	23.4	6.6	—	32.1
1948-49 ..	13.2	51.1	64.3	31.8	6.1	—	34.1
1949-50 ..	14.8	62.5	77.3	45.3	6.2	2.0	35.4
1950-51 ..	19.4	89.2	108.6	62.5	7.2	24.0	26.9
1951-52 ..	20.1	90.7	110.8	76.5	6.6	26.4	13.2
1950-51—							
September ..	17.6	79.6	97.2	59.1	7.5	11.3	32.1
October ..	18.0	83.5	101.5	60.1	5.9	14.3	32.6
November ..	18.5	88.0	106.5	60.9	5.7	15.6	35.6
December(c) ..	18.5	92.6	111.1	61.9	6.6	20.3	33.6
January ..	18.2	85.3	103.5	64.7	6.3	19.4	27.8
February ..	18.1	94.6	112.7	65.1	10.6	23.3	26.6
March ..	18.3	108.8	127.1	64.0	13.3	38.5	25.1
April ..	24.2	103.9	128.1	63.8	7.1	51.3	18.6
May ..	24.1	102.1	126.2	66.3	6.0	47.2	18.6
June ..	22.3	97.4	119.7	68.5	6.9	36.5	15.1
1951-52—							
July ..	22.7	91.1	113.8	71.3	5.9	34.5	13.1
August ..	22.5	87.9	110.4	72.8	6.5	32.5	9.7
September ..	20.8	86.2	107.0	73.6	5.5	30.5	8.4
October ..	20.6	88.3	108.9	75.3	6.5	29.1	9.7
November ..	20.1	89.6	109.7	78.2	6.4	26.0	10.9
December (c) ..	19.0	r96.9	r115.9	r79.5	r9.1	r27.3	11.1
January ..	17.9	90.4	108.3	81.2	6.8	22.8	11.1
February ..	18.8	92.7	111.5	81.7	6.5	24.0	11.1
March ..	19.4	93.5	112.9	(d) 80.6	6.1	23.5	(d) 13.5
April ..	19.9	93.3	113.2	77.9	7.2	22.4	17.9
May ..	19.3	90.2	109.5	73.9	5.8	21.0	21.2
June ..	19.8	89.3	109.1	71.2	7.1	23.0	22.1
1952-53—							
July ..	19.5	85.7	105.2	62.5	(e) 28.0	(e) 3.8	22.5
August ..	19.0	85.9	104.9	62.2	26.6	4.6	24.4
September ..	19.5	85.3	104.8	58.8	26.9	5.6	27.5

(a) Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays of period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays. (b) Ten months ended June, 1946. (c) Averages based on first three Wednesdays only. (d) Between March and July, 1952, certain loans to building societies and credit foncier loans for housing were transferred from the General Banking Division to the Commonwealth Savings Bank in exchange for Government Securities. The reduction in these loans (held by the General Banking Division) over this period was approximately £24,000,000. (e) At the beginning of July the General Banking Division opened in the books of the Central Bank, a deposit account with a balance approximating the amount that would be required if it were subject to Special Account provisions of the *Banking Act* 1945. This represents a change in the form of liquid assets which were previously held, predominantly in Treasury Bills.

NOTE.—From October, 1948 to July, 1952, liabilities and assets of the Commonwealth Bank related to the combined business of the General Banking Division and the Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments. In the table above only the General Banking Division is represented and the figures for earlier periods on this and page 50 have been revised to exclude the Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA : CENTRAL BANKING BUSINESS.

(Includes Note Issue Department.)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.(a)

(£A million.)

Period.	Notes on Issue.			Special Accounts of Trading Banks.	Other Deposits of Trading Banks.	Other Liabilities (excluding Capital and Reserves).	Gold and Balances held Abroad.	Government and Other Securities (including Treasury Bills).	
	Held by Banks.	Held by Public.	Total.						
Average of Weekly Figures—									
1945-46(b)	..	16.9	176.9	193.8	241.8	26.9	144.4	181.6	418.3
1946-47..	..	18.7	180.7	199.4	267.0	24.1	122.1	217.6	392.2
1947-48..	..	22.2	175.9	198.1	263.7	28.0	142.0	196.7	419.9
1948-49..	..	24.9	178.7	203.6	323.9	29.8	174.6	336.2	356.3
1949-50..	..	27.9	194.3	222.2	379.6	30.7	200.3	434.0	349.0
1950-51..	..	32.7	219.1	251.8	503.2	34.7	238.2	596.3	366.6
1951-52..	..	38.1	255.5	293.6	468.8	31.1	270.9	470.6	503.1
1950-51—									
September	..	29.2	206.9	236.1	452.2	37.3	204.7	532.4	337.8
October	..	30.2	208.4	238.6	462.5	35.3	221.0	543.0	362.4
November	..	30.7	210.5	241.2	483.4	33.9	220.1	559.2	365.9
December	..	(c) 35.7	(c) 222.8	258.5	488.2	36.5	220.8	563.2	376.4
January	..	36.0	219.1	255.1	501.5	36.6	235.0	567.0	400.7
February	..	32.7	220.4	253.1	526.0	35.6	238.0	591.6	389.0
March	..	35.1	229.4	264.5	535.4	46.7	270.7	640.6	407.6
April	35.1	231.0	266.1	560.4	44.2	281.4	676.4	398.2
May	34.9	234.6	269.5	578.4	34.5	278.3	701.2	368.6
June	35.0	238.6	273.6	572.6	23.3	278.5	718.2	346.9
1951-52—									
July	34.9	241.4	276.3	540.8	29.5	287.3	712.6	345.2
August	35.3	244.6	279.9	526.0	30.0	281.3	696.5	351.7
September	35.7	248.0	283.7	522.1	26.9	274.3	665.8	372.8
October	37.4	249.6	287.0	512.8	26.5	277.8	615.5	412.4
November	37.3	252.8	290.1	497.4	32.3	287.1	512.5	513.7
December	(c) 43.3	(c) 264.6	307.9	484.0	35.9	275.0	446.6	581.0
January	43.5	257.9	301.4	486.0	33.4	267.4	386.3	615.9
February	38.2	256.6	294.8	461.0	36.2	259.9	335.8	627.5
March	36.9	259.9	296.8	438.9	36.4	264.0	316.6	613.1
April	38.4	265.0	303.4	(d)430.0	33.9	260.1	313.1	585.4
May	38.1	262.9	301.0	(d)401.8	22.3	256.0	311.0	541.3
June	37.5	264.5	302.0	(d)305.0	30.1	260.2	303.2	488.8
1952-53—									
July	36.3	266.1	302.4	(d)216.9	34.9	266.9	288.5	460.9
August	36.3	269.5	305.8	(d)191.8	38.2	267.5	291.0	457.3
September	36.0	273.0	309.0	(d)187.0	36.3	278.5	301.3	463.8

(a) Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays of period until December, 1946 ; thereafter on Wednesdays of period. (b) Ten months ended June, 1946. (c) Dissection made on proportion indicated by the returns for first three Wednesdays. (d) Special Accounts of Trading Banks on last Wednesday of month were :—April, 1952, £432.2 million ; May, 1952, £370.7 million ; June, 1952, £258.0 million ; July, 1952, £194.9 million ; August, 1952, £191.2 million ; and September, 1952, £184.4 million.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS. (a)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.(b)

(£ million.)

Period.	Deposits.			Advances.	Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank.	Treasury Bills.	Other Australian Government and Municipal Securities.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.				
Average of Weekly Figures							
1945-46 (a) (c) ..	245.8	436.6	682.4	246.7	48.3	67.2	158.7
1946-47 ..	229.5	480.4	709.9	304.4	47.0	28.5	137.8
1947-48(d) ..	221.2	527.9	749.1	384.8	54.1	18.9	108.2
1948-49 ..	231.8	634.6	866.4	440.2	58.3	23.9	109.2
1949-50 ..	249.3	771.2	1,020.5	495.4	62.2	29.5	132.3
1950-51 ..	279.6	1,017.6	1,297.2	598.5	71.4	64.0	129.5
1951-52 ..	271.8	1,091.6	1,363.4	759.8	72.2	61.7	96.5
1950-51—							
September ..	273.0	865.3	1,138.3	563.1	71.4	30.7	135.8
October ..	278.6	919.5	1,198.1	581.3	68.5	44.9	127.9
November ..	280.9	962.1	1,243.0	594.8	67.5	50.0	127.1
December (e) ..	278.1	1,008.5	1,286.6	610.3	73.2	58.6	128.7
January ..	279.7	1,026.8	1,306.5	603.4	75.7	64.1	126.0
February ..	278.2	1,079.0	1,357.2	618.1	76.8	69.2	132.0
March ..	277.5	1,186.9	1,464.4	629.1	90.9	102.0	131.2
April ..	285.5	1,193.0	1,478.5	624.0	83.1	115.0	120.7
May ..	289.7	1,181.4	1,471.1	620.4	72.0	108.5	126.8
June ..	285.5	1,121.9	1,407.4	635.4	62.4	73.7	123.0
1951-52—							
July ..	287.4	1,079.6	1,367.0	656.9	66.6	61.2	119.3
August ..	284.1	1,065.2	1,349.3	672.8	68.1	69.8	106.4
September ..	280.6	1,051.0	1,331.6	701.2	64.6	65.8	99.4
October ..	275.4	1,059.6	1,335.0	729.5	66.4	54.4	93.0
November ..	272.5	1,074.5	1,347.0	759.7	72.9	47.0	89.0
December (e) ..	r271.2	r1,135.3	r1,406.5	r765.7	r83.3	r65.3	87.8
January ..	266.8	1,110.8	1,377.6	782.3	80.4	59.8	84.9
February ..	267.2	1,127.8	1,395.0	799.2	77.4	60.0	87.8
March ..	267.7	1,143.2	1,410.9	(f)808.2	76.7	67.6	(f) 95.8
April ..	268.8	1,147.8	1,416.6	810.4	77.1	67.7	96.7
May ..	260.2	1,084.5	1,344.7	814.6	64.1	62.3	98.4
June ..	255.9	1,026.3	1,282.2	827.9	72.0	59.4	99.4
1952-53—							
July ..	249.5	975.2	1,224.7	827.7	(g)96.3	(g) 50.5	102.4
August ..	249.4	962.4	1,211.8	817.6	98.1	64.3	104.6
September ..	250.3	955.1	1,205.4	806.1	96.3	75.1	107.8

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the *Banking Act* 1945. Includes General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, the Rural Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, the General Banking Department of the State Bank of South Australia, and from July, 1946, the Rural Department of the Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) See footnote (e), page 48. (c) Ten months ended June, 1946. (d) From January, 1948, the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales has been included. The General Bank Department includes the Rural Bank, Advances for Homes, Personal Loans and General Bank Divisions. (e) Averages based on first three Wednesdays only. (f) See footnote (d), page 48. (g) See footnote (e), page 48.

NOTE.—See Note, page 48.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a)

(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at City Branches.)

(£ million.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
Average of Weekly Figures—								
1945-46(b)	..	46.7	43.5	14.7	8.7	5.8	2.9	0.1
1946-47..	..	58.1	52.9	16.8	10.5	(c) 7.1	3.4	0.1
1947-48(e)	..	(d) 69.4	61.2	19.9	12.7	8.7	3.9	0.1
1948-49..	..	83.1	74.3	24.3	15.5	10.7	4.7	0.2
1949-50..	..	104.9	97.8	29.5	19.3	13.7	5.6	0.3
1950-51..	..	145.1	134.9	39.0	26.8	19.3	7.4	0.4
1951-52..	..	156.6	142.3	41.5	30.8	21.8	8.9	0.5
1950-51—								
September	..	126.3	109.7	34.0	23.5	17.4	6.3	0.3
October	..	135.5	129.5	38.7	24.7	17.8	6.5	0.4
November	..	147.9	132.3	40.6	24.9	19.0	6.4	0.4
December	..	158.0	141.0	40.9	28.3	20.5	6.8	0.3
January..	..	131.6	125.7	35.1	25.2	21.9	6.4	0.4
February	..	161.1	149.0	38.7	30.4	22.6	8.5	0.4
March	..	160.0	143.5	40.6	32.8	20.6	8.6	0.4
April	161.1	169.9	44.6	30.2	25.0	8.5	0.4
May	167.3	156.6	44.5	30.3	19.6	8.6	0.4
June	168.2	149.3	45.0	30.5	18.7	8.9	0.4
1951-52—								
July	159.4	148.3	45.5	30.3	20.3	9.2	0.5
August	141.8	128.2	38.6	25.6	19.1	7.9	0.4
September	..	153.0	130.8	40.6	27.3	18.9	8.3	0.4
October..	..	162.9	150.0	46.0	31.5	21.8	8.2	0.5
November	170.5	148.8	42.2	30.5	21.4	8.4	0.4
December	175.9	157.4	46.5	35.4	23.5	9.6	0.5
January	146.2	133.3	36.5	27.2	24.5	7.4	0.4
February	155.3	153.4	38.4	33.9	24.3	9.0	0.4
March	152.1	142.2	39.1	34.3	22.3	10.2	0.5
April	153.3	142.7	40.5	32.2	22.5	9.5	0.5
May	155.9	141.7	40.9	32.1	22.6	9.5	0.5
June	158.4	135.4	44.6	30.7	20.5	9.6	0.5
1952-53—								
July	149.0	129.2	44.4	31.1	20.5	9.4	0.6
August	130.1	116.5	38.5	26.3	19.3	8.1	0.5
September	143.0	116.3	41.1	26.2	17.9	8.2	0.5

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under *Banking Act 1945*. Averages of four or five weeks ended on last Monday in period to December, 1946; thereafter averages of four or five weeks ended on last Wednesday. (b) Ten months ended June, 1946.

(c) Includes Rural Department of Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia for July, 1946, and following months. (d) See footnote (d) on previous page. (e) Debits to Customers' Accounts relating to the transfer of accounts from The Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in voluntary liquidation) to The National Bank of Australasia Ltd. have been excluded from January, 1948.

SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS AND SAVINGS CERTIFICATES.

(£ million.)

At end of—	Amounts on Deposit in Savings Banks.									War Savings and Savings Certificates— Net Amount Outstanding.
	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.	
1936-37 ..	82.0	75.7	27.3	26.5	11.8	7.2	0.1	0.3	230.9	..
1937-38 ..	86.0	78.9	28.2	27.2	12.0	7.7	0.1	0.3	240.4	..
1938-39 ..	87.5	80.5	29.0	27.4	12.4	8.4	0.1	0.3	245.6	..
1945-46 ..	236.2	211.3	90.1	65.9	38.3	20.4	0.4	1.0	663.6	54.7
1946-47 ..	231.4	216.1	85.6	67.9	36.6	20.9	0.5	1.0	660.0	59.5
1947-48 ..	237.0	226.4	84.8	73.6	36.2	21.6	0.6	1.1	681.3	64.5
1948-49 ..	244.5	239.3	87.4	81.2	37.5	22.4	0.7	1.2	714.2	62.2
1949-50 ..	258.9	257.1	92.2	87.7	39.6	24.3	0.9	1.4	762.1	55.0
1950-51 ..	284.5	281.8	98.8	97.8	44.7	27.1	1.0	1.7	837.4	48.1
1951-52 ..	304.5	300.8	102.7	103.7	47.2	30.1	1.1	1.8	891.9	41.8
1950-51—										
September	259.7	258.0	93.2	88.5	40.0	24.7	0.9	1.5	766.5	53.3
October	259.3	258.3	93.4	88.6	40.0	24.6	0.9	1.5	766.6	52.7
November	259.0	258.5	93.4	88.9	39.9	24.5	0.9	1.6	766.7	52.1
December	260.1	259.3	93.8	89.3	39.8	24.5	0.9	1.5	769.2	51.4
January ..	261.7	260.9	93.8	90.2	40.0	24.7	0.9	1.5	773.7	50.9
February	264.4	262.2	94.2	91.3	40.5	25.2	0.9	1.5	780.2	50.3
March ..	278.7	273.6	98.4	95.0	43.3	26.3	0.9	1.6	817.8	49.7
April ..	279.4	274.8	98.2	95.5	43.6	26.5	0.9	1.7	820.6	49.2
May ..	279.8	277.0	98.6	95.8	43.9	26.7	0.9	1.7	824.4	48.7
June ..	284.5	281.8	98.8	97.8	44.7	27.1	1.0	1.7	(a) 837.4	48.1
1951-52—										
July ..	285.5	283.3	99.3	98.7	44.9	27.5	1.0	1.7	841.9	47.6
August ..	287.4	285.0	100.2	99.6	45.6	28.0	1.0	1.7	848.5	47.0
September	288.9	286.8	100.7	99.4	45.7	28.1	1.0	1.8	852.4	46.4
October	290.7	288.2	101.0	99.8	46.0	28.3	1.0	1.8	856.8	45.9
November	292.5	289.8	101.6	100.3	46.2	28.5	1.0	1.8	861.7	45.4
December	293.2	290.2	101.7	100.6	46.0	28.5	1.0	1.7	862.9	44.8
January ..	295.3	293.0	101.4	101.6	46.3	28.7	1.0	1.8	869.1	44.3
February	296.9	294.1	100.8	102.3	46.3	29.2	1.0	1.8	872.4	43.9
March ..	297.7	294.8	100.5	102.4	46.3	29.4	1.0	1.8	873.9	43.5
April ..	299.3	295.5	100.8	102.4	46.5	29.6	1.0	1.8	876.9	42.8
May ..	299.0	295.7	100.7	101.5	46.2	29.7	1.0	1.8	875.6	42.3
June ..	304.5	300.8	102.7	103.7	47.2	30.1	1.1	1.8	(a) 891.9	41.8
1952-53—										
July ..	307.1	303.5	103.5	105.0	47.7	30.3	1.1	1.9	900.1	41.3
August ..	308.5	305.1	104.1	105.7	48.0	30.6	1.1	1.9	905.0	40.7
September	310.0	306.8	105.0	106.0	48.4	30.7	1.1	2.0	910.0	40.1

(a) Interest added 1950-51, £12.8m.; 1951-52, £14.0m. The major part of this interest was added in June.

INTEREST RATES AND SECURITY YIELDS.

(Per Cent.)

Period.	Trading Banks. Interest on Fixed Deposits.				C'wealth. Savings Bank.	Treasury Bills (Discount Rates).	C'wealth. Govt. Securities.		Private First Mortgages Registered in New South Wales —Urban Securities.			
							Taxed at 1930 C'wealth. Rates.					
	3 months.	6 months.	12 months.	24 months.			Under 5 years.	10 years and over.				
1936-37 ..	2.0	2.5	2.75	3.0	2.0	1.75	(a) 3.57	(a) 3.94	(b) 5.3			
1937-38 ..	2.0	2.5	2.75	3.0	2.0	1.75	3.30	3.71	5.4			
1938-39 ..	2.0	2.5	2.75	3.0	2.0	1.75	3.67	3.84	5.5			
Taxed at Current C'wlth. Rates.												
1945-46 ..	0.50	0.75	1.10	d 1.60	2.0	1.00	2.19	3.24	4.7			
1946-47 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	1.00	1.93	3.21	4.5			
1947-48 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	1.00	2.34	3.16	4.4			
1948-49 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.96	2.07	3.12	4.4			
1949-50 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.95	3.13	4.4			
1950-51 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.99	3.21	4.4			
1951-52 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.05	3.95	4.4			
1950-51—												
September ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.97	3.15	4.4			
October ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.96	3.13	4.4			
November ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.96	3.14	4.4			
December ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.00	3.17	4.4			
January ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.98	3.15	4.4			
February ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.00	3.21	4.4			
March ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.02	3.27	4.4			
April ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.00	3.28	4.4			
May ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.00	3.24	4.4			
June ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.05	3.51	4.4			
1951-52—												
July ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.03	3.73	4.4			
August ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.03	3.82	4.4			
September ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.04	3.83	4.4			
October ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.01	3.80	4.4			
November ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.02	3.76	4.4			
December ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.99	3.75	4.4			
January ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.04	3.82	4.4			
February ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.03	3.82	4.4			
March ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.00	3.81	4.4			
April ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.07	4.19	4.4			
May ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.13	4.43	4.4			
June ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.21	4.62	4.4			
1952-53—												
July ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.40	4.51	4.5			
August (e) ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.25	1.00	2.58	4.49	4.5			
September	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.25	1.00	2.94	4.61	4.5			

(a) Weighted averages for last Wednesday in month. Calculated, when loans above par, on earliest date of maturity.

(b) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown. (c) Rate for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5, and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month.

(d) From December, 1945 to July, 1952, 1.50% on first £10,000 of deposit; 1.00% on amounts in excess. (e) The Order made by the Commonwealth Bank under the National Security (Economic Organization) Regulations fixing maximum rates of interest was revoked as at 29th July, 1952.

EXCHANGE RATES AND GOLD PRICES.

Period.	Exchange Rates.			Gold Prices.	
	Australia on London.(a)	London on New York.(a)	Australia on New York.(b)	Australia.(c)	London.
				£A. per £100 stg.	\$ per £ stg.
1936-37	125.25	4.939	3.929	8.761	7.041
1937-38	125.25	4.980	3.961	8.690	7.001
1938-39	125.25	4.738	3.759	9.137	7.340
1945-46	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.763	8.613
1946-47	125.25	4.030	3.199	10.763	8.613
1947-48	125.25	4.030	3.200	10.763	8.613
1948-49	125.25	4.030	3.204	10.763	8.613
1949-50	125.25	3.074	2.445	14.443	11.557
1950-51	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
1951-52	125.25	2.796	2.224	15.492	12.400
1950-51—					
September ..	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
October ..	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
November ..	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
December ..	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
January ..	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
February ..	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
March ..	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
April ..	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
May ..	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
June ..	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
1951-52—					
July ..	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
August ..	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
September ..	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
October ..	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
November ..	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
December ..	125.25	2.795	2.225	15.492	12.400
January ..	125.25	2.782	2.213	15.492	12.400
February ..	125.25	2.781	2.213	15.492	12.400
March ..	125.25	2.797	2.225	15.492	12.400
April ..	125.25	2.808	2.234	15.492	12.400
May ..	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
June ..	125.25	2.785	2.216	15.492	12.400
1952-53—					
July ..	125.25	2.788	2.218	15.492	12.400
August ..	125.25	2.789	2.218	15.492	12.400
September ..	125.25	2.783	2.214	15.492	12.400

(a) Average of buying and selling rates for Telegraphic Transfers.
price paid by the mints in Australia.

(b) Selling rate. Direct quotations.

(c) Average

LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS.(a)

Period.	New Policies Issued.(b)				Premiums.(c)		Claims, &c., Paid.(d)		New Loans Granted.(e)	
	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Ordinary Department.	Industrial Department.	Ordinary Department.	Industrial Department.		
	Number.	Sum Assured.	Number.	Sum Assured.						
		£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	
Monthly Average—										
1937 ..	12,296	4,120	36,148	1,684	1,045	474	747	223	n.a.	
1938 ..	11,470	3,867	32,757	1,530	1,075	617	781	246	n.a.	
1939 ..	r11,293	3,886	r32,125	1,545	1,144	541	r835	303	n.a.	
1946 ..	17,057	8,341	29,891	2,218	1,839	823	1,092	433	n.a.	
1947(a) ..	19,808	9,549	26,271	2,316	2,113	889	1,052	456	n.a.	
1947-48(a) ..	20,171	10,077	26,915	2,492	2,258	910	1,044	471	1,057	
1948-49 ..	20,201	10,618	25,254	2,458	2,539	967	1,112	497	1,476	
1949-50 ..	20,538	12,243	24,999	2,509	2,877	1,003	1,224	512	2,778	
1950-51 ..	21,642	15,206	22,713	2,423	3,210	1,043	1,310	491	3,893	
1951-52 ..	23,607	18,464	23,216	2,817	3,651	1,102	1,441	546	3,963	
Monthly Total—										
1950-51—										
August ..	23,897	15,476	25,686	2,671	3,257	1,053	1,359	530	3,579	
September ..	30,918	18,353	28,496	2,984	3,059	1,009	1,422	512	2,768	
October ..	18,273	11,894	28,880	2,930	3,020	1,087	1,387	527	4,112	
November ..	20,832	14,221	23,539	2,444	3,092	1,129	1,348	495	3,451	
December ..	24,895	19,676	15,836	1,642	3,359	1,198	1,221	470	5,503	
January ..	12,163	8,221	8,162	885	2,824	687	1,077	366	2,692	
February ..	15,816	10,631	21,445	2,307	2,712	1,021	1,187	463	4,152	
March ..	20,629	15,251	22,817	2,512	3,099	1,087	1,240	483	3,956	
April ..	20,965	15,945	24,704	2,728	3,049	1,078	1,419	476	3,753	
May ..	23,566	18,249	23,044	2,588	3,625	1,093	1,405	523	4,803	
June ..	26,558	20,711	22,352	2,543	4,096	1,022	1,341	513	4,658	
1951-52—										
July ..	24,178	19,569	27,368	3,138	3,964	1,119	1,483	576	6,083	
August ..	29,639	21,861	23,916	2,798	3,610	1,131	1,410	547	4,560	
September ..	29,451	22,258	27,768	3,405	3,466	1,013	1,414	503	4,771	
October ..	23,155	18,376	26,172	3,119	3,421	1,176	1,549	564	4,333	
November ..	23,659	17,291	22,817	2,763	3,541	1,228	1,471	570	3,599	
December ..	28,745	26,194	17,366	2,100	3,586	1,209	1,316	492	3,999	
January ..	12,675	9,102	8,110	970	3,281	745	1,302	427	3,244	
February ..	18,206	13,932	21,745	2,641	3,251	1,118	1,369	558	3,418	
March ..	23,337	16,515	30,099	3,754	3,612	1,150	1,489	583	3,103	
April ..	20,371	16,980	20,496	2,519	3,566	1,040	1,441	500	3,146	
May ..	25,022	19,926	25,619	3,209	3,876	1,155	1,518	622	4,066	
June ..	24,842	19,567	27,118	3,389	4,643	1,140	1,525	616	3,233	
1952-53—										
July ..	24,927	20,402	23,088	2,887	4,491	1,163	1,708	644	3,411	
August ..	27,852	19,677	22,094	2,777	3,841	1,088	1,617	665	2,749	

(a) Excludes business of the Government Insurance Office of New South Wales and the Queensland State Government Insurance Office which operate only in New South Wales and Queensland respectively. Monthly averages for the years 1937 to 1947 are based on annual returns for the financial years of the companies. From 1947-48 the figures have been compiled from monthly returns.

(b) Excludes annuity policies. (c) Includes consideration for annuities. (d) Includes claims paid on death or maturity, payments made on surrender of policies, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (e) Excludes advances of premiums.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATES : REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.(a)

(£'000.)

Government of—	July–August, 1951–52.			July–August, 1952–53.		
	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus(+) or Deficit(–).	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus(+) or Deficit(–).
New South Wales(b) ..	22,579	21,789	+ 790	26,044	26,687	— 643
Victoria	9,764	12,024	— 2,260	11,295	15,409	— 4,114
Queensland	8,240	7,916	+ 324	9,060	10,123	— 1,063
South Australia	5,047	5,590	— 543			
Western Australia	5,176	5,273	— 97	5,011	5,985	— 974
Tasmania	1,344	1,757	— 413	1,323	2,057	— 734
Six States	52,150	54,349	— 2,199			
Commonwealth	137,152	126,776	+ 10,376	156,579	137,116	+ 19,463
Grand Total	169,920	161,743	+ 8,177			

Government of—	1950–51.			1951–52.		
	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus(+) or Deficit(–).	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus(+) or Deficit(–).
New South Wales(b) ..	130,653	130,620	+ 33	168,935	168,837	+ 98
Victoria	63,544	63,888	— 344	81,660	84,065	— 2,405
Queensland	44,723	44,625	+ 98	55,753	55,708	+ 45
South Australia	31,072	30,842	+ 230	(c) 37,588	37,499	+ 89
Western Australia	28,973	28,814	+ 159	33,955	34,547	— 592
Tasmania	7,820	8,066	— 246	10,469	10,871	— 402
Six States	306,785	306,855	— 70	388,360	391,527	— 3,167
Commonwealth	841,792	841,792	..	1,016,828	1,016,828	(d) ..
Grand Total	1,034,300	1,034,370	— 70	1,261,299	1,264,466	— 3,167

(a) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals exclude payments by the Commonwealth to the States for compensation in respect of uniform taxation, interest on States' debts, special grants and special financial assistance, also pay-roll tax payments by States to the Commonwealth. The totals of revenue and expenditure of the States have also been adjusted. (b) Excludes Main Roads Department, Road Transport and Traffic Fund, and recoups of interest, &c., from undertakings outside the Budget. (c) Excludes 1950–51 surplus carried forward. (d) Budget balanced by Special Appropriation of the surplus £98,500,000 to the National Debt Sinking Fund.

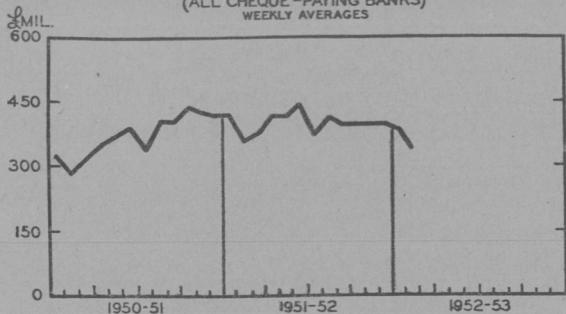
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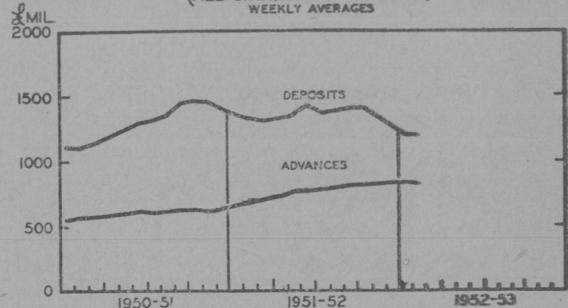
Where Redeemable.	Commonwealth Securities issued on behalf of—							
	Common-wealth.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Total.
At 30th Sept., 1952—								
Australia (b) ..	178,280	..	2,000	..	1,000	1,563	600	183,443
London ..	970	9,796	5,805	..	3,816	2,960	491	23,838
At 30th Sept., 1951—								
Australia (b) ..	103,280	..	2,000	..	..	..	500	105,780
London ..	1,220	9,796	5,805	..	3,816	2,960	491	24,088

(a) Excludes overdrafts. For debt redeemable in Australia the unit of currency is £1 Australian; in London, £1 sterling.
(b) Excludes Internal Treasury Bills.

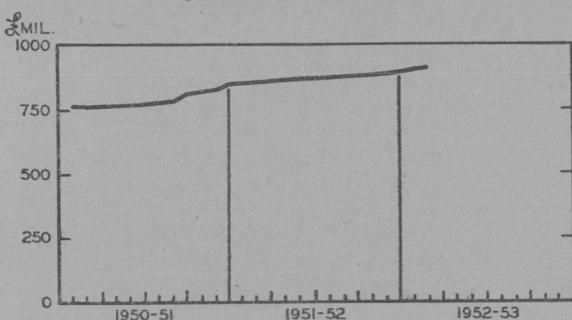
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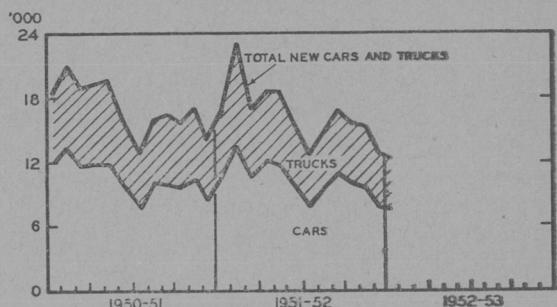
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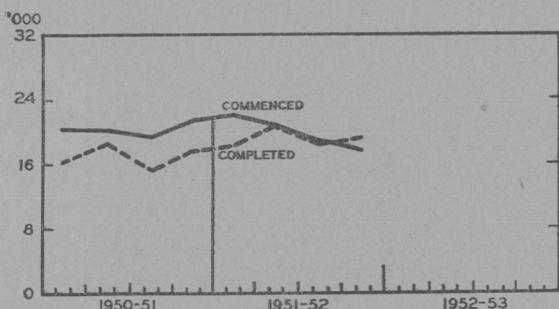
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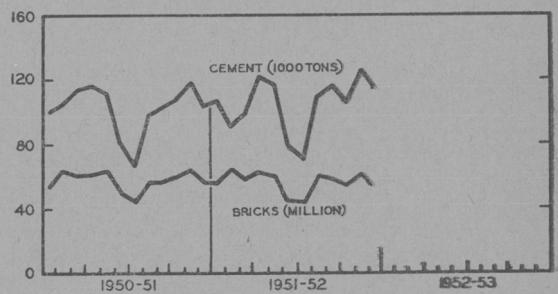
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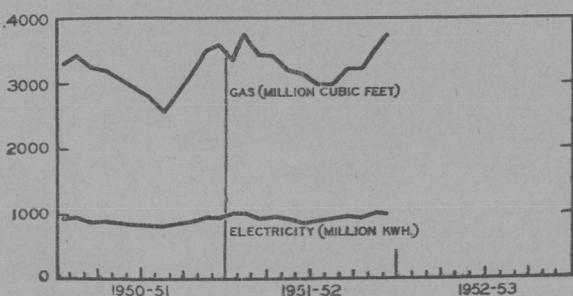
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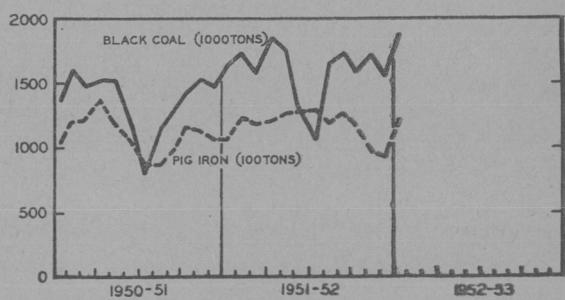
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